

# Phasing in the Use of Nonlead Ammunition

## Public Scoping Meeting

November 14, 2014

Sacramento, CA



# Overview

- The law and signing message
- Summary of public outreach
- DFW perspective on availability
- Starting point proposal and revisions
- Proposed timeline for environmental review



# Highlights of the law and signing message

- Maintain existing Condor zone restrictions
- Maintain current nonlead certification process
- Establish regulations by July 2015 that phase-in requirements
- Full implementation by 2019
- Implement as soon as *practicable*
- In a manner *least disruptive* to hunters



# Outreach to date

1. January 11 – International Sportsmen’s Expo
2. January 15 – WRC Meeting, Van Nuys
3. March 1 - Natl. Wild Turkey Fed., Vacaville
4. March 18 – Director’s Hunting Advisory Committee, Sacramento
5. March 28-29 – Fred Hall Show, Del Mar
6. April 15 – Public Workshop, Ventura
7. June 3 – Public Workshop, Eureka
8. July 19 – DU Meeting, Corning
9. July 19 – Public Workshop, Redding
10. July 28 – WRC Meeting, Sacramento
11. July 29 – Public Workshop, Rancho Cordova
12. August 5 – Public Workshop, San Diego
13. August 12 - Public Workshop, Fresno
14. August 19 – Public Workshop, Rancho Cucamonga
15. Sept. 17 – Regulation Recommendation at WRC, Sacramento
16. Oct, 25 – Public Workshop, Susanville



# CDFW perspective on availability

- Ammunition in general is in short supply
- Product vs retail availability
- Nontoxic shot in sizes used for waterfowl is widely available
- Nontoxic shot in smaller sizes is produced but is not widely available
- Nonlead centerfire ammunition is generally available, but concerns about available volume
- Nonlead rimfire ammunition extremely limited
- Starting point phasing reflects this perspective



# Comments received to date

## *Specific comments on phasing:*

1. Postpone implementation until manufacturers can develop available and affordable substitutes
2. A longer phase-in period would be more fair
3. Defer nonlead requirement on public lands to 2016 or 2019
4. Delay the ban for licensed game bird clubs



# Comments received (cont.)

5. Allow an exception for older firearms
6. Allow muzzleloaders to continue to use lead
7. Require full implementation in 2015
8. Complete phase-in of nonlead by 2016
9. Build in as much flexibility as possible
10. Post list of comments on DFW web page



# DFW starting point and revised proposal

*Original: 2015 - Nonlead ammunition required for:*

- CDFW Wildlife Areas and Ecological Reserves
- Nelson bighorn sheep

*Revised:*

- No changes from starting point proposed





# DFW starting point and revised proposal

*Original: 2016 - Nonlead ammunition required for:*

- Larger (most) game birds, including turkeys (waterfowl size shot)
- Dove, quail, and snipe excluded
- Small game mammals (by shotgun)
- Non-game, depredation and furbearers (by shotgun)

*Revised:*

- *Except on Licensed Game Bird Clubs (2019)*



# DFW starting point and revised proposal

*2019 - Nonlead ammunition required for the take of all wildlife:*

- All big game
- All remaining game birds
- Small game mammals (by rifle/handgun)
- Non-game, depredation and furbearers (by rifle/handgun)
- Muzzleloaders

*Revised:*

- *Now includes Licensed Game Bird Clubs*



# Environmental review timeline

- October 31, 2014 – Initial Study/NOP filed
- November 14, 2014 – Public Scoping Meeting
- December 1, 2014 – NOP comments due
- January 5, 2015 – Draft Environmental Document
- February 19, 2015 – Draft ED comments due
- March 26, 2015 – Final Environmental Document
- April 8, 2015 – FGC adoption hearing in Santa Rosa



# Comments?

Comments may be e-mailed to:

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