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## **2019 NORTH AMERICAN POLICY STATEMENT: USE OF LEAD IN AMMUNITION AND FISHING TACKLE**

**Purpose:** The intent of policy statements are to provide a formal mechanism for Backcountry Hunters & Anglers to engage in specific conservation issues while establishing clear policy direction that not only defines the parameters of our position statements but the relevance to our mission. As declarations of policy, statements do not direct specific actions, establish policy priorities or allocate BHA resources.

**Sponsored by:** Originally proposed by the New England, Montana, Oregon and New York Chapters of Backcountry Hunters & Anglers, this policy statement reflects revisions and additions made by the 2019 policy review committee.

**North American Board Action:** Adopted on December 16, 2019

### **North American Policy Statement:**

*Backcountry Hunters & Anglers encourages sportsmen and women to consider the voluntary use of non-lead ammunition and fishing tackle, and we encourage additional research and continued education and communication. Sportsmen and women have a proud tradition of leading and advancing meaningful wildlife conservation policies. We support our state and federal wildlife management professionals and we will continue to advocate for the use of the best available science as threats to fish and wildlife are evaluated and management decisions implemented.*