

GAME, FISH AND PARKS COMMISSION ACTION PROPOSAL

Chapter Name Chapters 41:06:04:11

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DEPARTMENT RECOMMENDATION (S)

41:06:00.01:02. Definitions. As used in this article:

- (1) "Buck" means a male deer with a visible, polished antler;
- (2) "Bull" means a male elk with a visible, polished antler;
- (3) "Antlerless" means a whitetail or mule deer, or elk, of either sex without a visible antler;
- (4) "Any deer" means a whitetail or mule deer of either sex;
- (5) "Any whitetail" means a whitetail deer of either sex;
- (6) "Antlerless whitetail" means a whitetail deer without a visible antler;
- (7) "Any mule deer" means a mule deer of either sex;
- (8) "Mule buck" means a male mule deer with a visible polished antler;
- (9) "Any elk" means an elk of either sex;
- (10) "Any antelope" means an antelope of either sex;
- (11) "Doe/fawn antelope" means an antelope of either sex without horns or with horns less than three inches in total length;
- (12) "Wild turkey" means a dark turkey which bears the characteristics of a Merriam (*Meleagris gallopavo merriami*), Rio Grande (*Meleagris gallopavo intermedia*), or Eastern (*Meleagris gallopavo silvestris*) turkey; any such turkey released to the wild which is not marked in accordance with § 41:09:02:04 and which is within a hunting unit established by chapter 41:06:13 or 41:06:14;
- (13) "Any turkey" means a wild turkey of either sex;
- (14) "Male turkey" means a wild turkey with a visible beard or spurs. The beard is a feathered appendage protruding from the breast;
- (15) "Hen turkey" means a wild turkey without a visible beard or spurs;
- (16) "License type" means a license for a species or a family of related species, sometimes specific to a particular species, sex, and geographic unit;
- (17) "Preference point" means a unit of license drawing opportunity that is assigned to an individual;
- (18) "Agricultural purposes" means the producing, raising, growing, or harvesting of food or fiber upon agricultural land, including dairy products, livestock, crops, timber, and grasslands. Land leased solely for hunting, fishing, or trapping is not considered agricultural purposes;
- (19) "Operate" means to lease or hold fee title to farm or ranch real property and be directly involved in the management decisions made for agricultural purposes on the farm or ranch;
- (20) "Owner-operator" means an individual holding fee title to farm or ranch real property who is directly involved in the management decisions made for agricultural purposes on the farm or ranch.
- (21) "Expanding Bullet" means any bullet designed by its manufacture to create a wound channel larger than its diameter.

Recommended changes:

1. Allow for the use of monolithic copper fluted bullets to be used to take big game animals by adding (21) "Expanding Bullet" means any bullet designed by its manufacture to create a wound channel larger than its diameter.

SUPPORTIVE INFORMATION

Ammunition Trends: Technology and innovation continue to drive the ammunition landscape. Fluted ammunition is a relatively new bullet that has been proven to be an effective and ethical option for big game hunting and is currently allowed in other states.

Current Regulation: Currently the only ammunition that is allowed is soft point or expanding bullets. A fluted bullet does not fit into either one of those categories. The term expanding bullet is used in 2 separate administrative rules under section 41. 1) 41:06:04:11. Minimum size and type of big game ammunition. 2) 41:06:04:13. Minimum firearm size for elk.

Non-Toxic: Fluted bullets are a monolithic copper and would be another option for big game hunters to utilize a non-toxic ammunition.

APPROVE _____	MODIFY _____	REJECT _____	NO ACTION _____
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RESIDENT/NONRESIDENT CRITERIA

Not Applicable.

RECRUITMENT, RETENTION, REACTIVATION (R3) CRITERIA

1. Does the regulation or fee inhibit a user's ability to participate? **No**
2. Does the regulation increase the opportunity for new and existing users? **No**
3. How does the regulation impact the next generation of hunters, anglers, trappers and outdoor recreationists? **Provides more opportunity to use non-toxic ammunition while still providing for an ethical option for taking big game**
4. Does the regulation enhance the quality of life for current and future generations by getting families outdoors? **No.**

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