

GAME, FISH AND PARKS COMMISSION ACTION PROPOSAL

Hunting Requirements and Prohibited Methods

Chapters 41:06:04:11

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COMMISSION PROPOSAL

41:06:04:11. Minimum size and type of big game ammunition. Except for wild turkey as provided in § 41:06:04:12 and elk as provided in § 41:06:04:13, a person may hunt, pursue, shoot at, shoot, or kill any of the big game animals of this state only with a shoulder-held firearm using ammunition which is rated to produce at least 1,000 foot-pounds of energy at the muzzle or a handgun using ammunition which is rated to produce at least 500 foot-pounds of energy at the muzzle. Muzzleloading handguns must discharge a projectile of .50 caliber or larger. Only soft-point or expanding bullets are permitted.

Recommended changes:

1. Allow for the use of monolithic copper fluted bullets to be used to take big game animals

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. Wyoming recently approved of the use of this type of ammunition

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.

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

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**

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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.

FISCAL IMPACT

No fiscal impact to the Department.

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