

NATURAL RESOURCES BOARD AGENDA ITEM

SUBJECT: Informational update on lead in hunter harvested venison.

FOR: OCTOBER, 2008 BOARD MEETING

TO BE PRESENTED BY: Bill Delanis and Shawn Strom, Wildlife Health Section
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SUMMARY:

Recently, deer harvested with lead bullets have been shown to have tiny lead particles or fragments remaining in the processed meat. These are often too small to be seen and can disperse far from the wound channel. Lead in venison does not rival the concerns about lead paint as a health risk for the public, however, the risk is not low enough to ignore. DNR and Department of Health staff will provide a brief update on several aspects of the issue including:

1. Meat handling guidelines for processors.
2. The venison donation - food pantry program.
3. Recommendations from DNR and the Department of Health Services to hunters for this fall's gun hunt
4. DNR, DHS and DATCP joint strategy for addressing the issue

RECOMMENDATION:

This item is informational. No action is needed.

LIST OF ATTACHED MATERIALS:

- No Fiscal Estimate Required
- No Environmental Assessment or Impact Statement Required
- No Background Memo

- Yes Attached
- Yes Attached
- Yes Attached

APPROVED:

Bureau Director, Tom Hauge

10/14/08
Date

Administrator, Laurie Osterndorf

10/15/08
Date

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