



LEAD AND FISH & WILDLIFE HEALTH WORKING GROUP
Chair: Bernadette Graham-Hudson (OR)
AFWA Committee Staff Support: Sonja Christensen / Mark Humpert
Thursday, April 2, 2026
1:15-3:15 PM ET

Agenda

1:15 pm	Welcome & Agenda Review - Bernadette Graham Hudson
1:20 pm	Updated Working Group Charge – Bernadette Graham Hudson <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Review and initial discussion
1:35 pm	MAFWA non-lead working group -Tricia Fry/Keith Warnke
1:45 pm	Industry Updates – Nephi Cole, Jon Zinnel, Mike Leonard [tentative]
1:55 pm	The Partnership Update – Leland Brown/Chris Parish
2:05 pm	Federal Updates – USFWS [tentative]
2:15 pm	Additional updates – all
2:25 pm	BMP update, working group charge, sign up, and discussion- Bernadette Graham Hudson <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Development of active sub-committee to identify funding and means for state agencies to implement BMPs 2. Identify ways for AFWA to support industry to increase accessibility of non-lead ammunition and tackle
3:00 pm	Summary and adjourn– Bernadette Graham Hudson

DRAFT Update to the Lead & Fish & Wildlife Working Group Charge being considered by Fish and Wildlife Health Committee on 3/31/26

Advise the Fish and Wildlife Health Committee, and coordinate with other relevant committees, including but not limited to, the Engagement and Education, Hunting/Shooting Sports Participation, One Health, and Angler and Boater R3 Committees on:

- Implementation of the Voluntary Best Management Practices for Reducing Unintended Ingestion of Lead Ammunition and Tackle Residues in Wildlife (BMPs).
 - Identify objectives, strategies, techniques, and funding needs for implementing voluntary BMPs, including evaluation and adaptive management.
 - Provide guidance to state fish and wildlife agencies, regional Association of Fish & Wildlife Agencies, and AFWA on implementation strategies and processes that address unintended lead ingestion in fish and wildlife while proactively supporting sustainable hunting and fishing programs.
- Appropriate options for managing unintended consequences of the use of lead by hunters and anglers.

Provide a forum for exchanging information and identifying research needs related to environmental effects of lead tackle and ammunition, lead-free ammunition and tackle options, and human dimensions of hunter and angler choice.

Prepare an annual work plan for developing recommendations on research, training, education and outreach, incentives, or other strategies to address unintended lead impacts to fish and wildlife.