

STUDY ON HUNTER AMMUNITION IN ALASKA

BACKGROUND & NEED

Alaska residents' knowledge and perceptions of the use of different types of ammunition (including lead-free options) for hunting have not been studied. Collecting information on this issue is needed to help researchers and wildlife managers better understand the current awareness and attitudes on the use of ammunition.

GOAL

The goal of this project is to work with Alaska resident hunters to develop and customize a survey questionnaire that can be used to quantitatively assess hunter perceptions and use of ammunition in Alaska. A special emphasis on awareness and use of lead-free ammunition. To achieve this goal, we will conduct focus-group discussions with Alaska resident hunters to explore the type and range of perspectives and issues surrounding the use of lead and lead-free ammunition. To capture a wide variation in perspectives, we are seeking participation from Alaska resident hunters from different demographics (age, sex, race/ethnicity, income level, residence [rural/urban]) that hunt different game species across Alaska.

We invite you to participate in a focus-group discussion on the use of ammunition by Alaska resident hunters.

BENEFITS

This is a great opportunity to document your thoughts about the use of different types of ammunition. Results may help identify barriers (availability, cost, effectiveness) and opportunities (increased participation in hunting) for current and alternative ammunition use.

WHAT WILL HAPPEN WITH THE INFORMATION COLLECTED?

The information you share will help inform a survey that will be sent to a large sample of Alaska resident hunters.

CONFIDENTIALITY

Your name will not be associated with the information you provide. Your name will not be included on any products unless you ask to be acknowledged.

INCENTIVES & FUNDING

You will be offered a cash payment of \$100 for participating in a 1-2 hour focus-group discussion. This payment is to reimburse you for your time, knowledge, and perceptions. This study is funded by the Alaska Department of Fish and Game.

TO PARTICIPATE

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