

Study on Hunter Ammunition in Alaska

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Goals

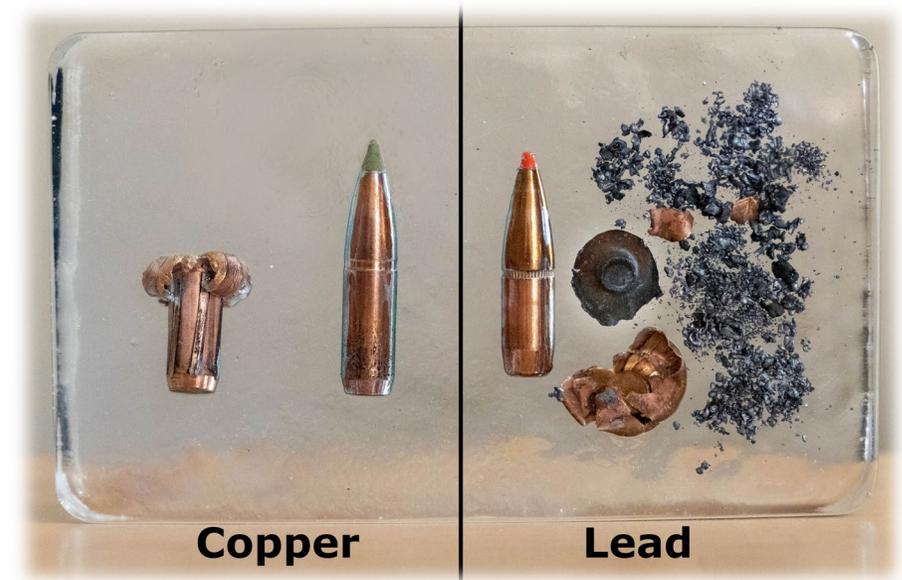
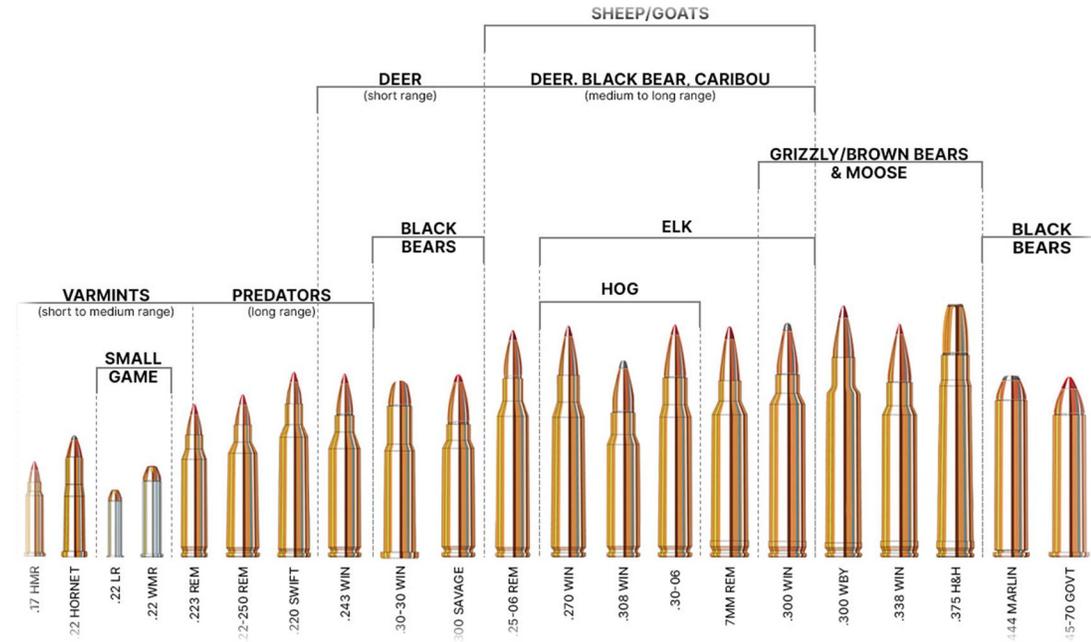
- Conduct focus-group discussions with hunters from across Alaska to explore and document perceptions on ammunition use
 - Special emphasis on awareness and use of lead-free ammunition

- Develop and customize a survey instrument to quantitatively assess hunter perceptions and use of ammunition in Alaska.



Background and need

- Alaska residents' knowledge and perceptions of hunter ammunition, especially the use of lead-free (i.e., copper) ammunition, for hunting have not been studied in Alaska.
- The study is needed to help researchers and wildlife managers better understand the current state of knowledge, awareness, and attitudes on the use of different types of ammunition.



Benefits

- Identify barriers (availability, cost, effectiveness) and opportunities for current and alternative ammunition use
- Learn about perceptions on the relationships between ammunition use and
 - Wildlife health
 - Hunting practices (culture, ethics, ammunition performance)
 - Hunter participation in Alaska



Request – Hunter Participation in Study

- We are recruiting hunters to participate in focus-group discussion
- 1-2 hour conversations with groups of 2-3 people
- Participants are reimbursed \$100 for their participation
- Contact Todd Brinkman to participate
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