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NATURAL RESOURCES BOARD AGENDA ITEM

Item No. 8.B.1

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	Yes ☐	Attached
No	☑	Environmental Assessment or Impact Statement Required	Yes ☐	Attached
No	☑	Background Memo	Yes ☐	Attached

APPROVED:

Bureau Director, Tom Hauge — Date 10/14/08

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Secretary, Matt Frank — Date 10/15/08

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