

**Interim Resolution #A**  
**Requires 2/3<sup>rd</sup> Majority**

**Submitted by:** Patrick Hogan, Region 8 Executive Board  
**MUCC Region:** 8  
**Passed:** September 11, 2019 Executive Board Meeting, and September 28, 2019  
Conservation Policy Board Meeting  
**Title:** Support FOIA when it doesn't interfere with Science or Fair Chase

1 **WHEREAS**, "Fair Chase," as defined by the Boone and Crockett Club, is the ethical, sportsmanlike, and  
2 lawful pursuit and taking of any free-ranging wild, big game animal in a manner that does not give the  
3 hunter an improper or unfair advantage over the game animals; and

4 **WHEREAS**, it may be possible to use on-going scientific research studies to unethically gain information  
5 on wild game. This could hinder the scientific study, and general public support for fair chase hunting;  
6 and

7 **WHEREAS**, MUCC was the driving force behind the successful voter passage of Proposal G: a  
8 referendum on Public Act 377 of 1996, which amended the Natural Resources and Environmental  
9 Protection Act (NREPA) to grant the Natural Resources Commission (NRC) exclusive authority to  
10 regulate the taking of game in this state. The amendment also requires the NRC, to the greatest extent  
11 practicable, to use principles of sound scientific management in making decisions regarding the taking of  
12 game; and

13 **WHEREAS**, because all State of Michigan Commissions such as the NRC are mandated by law to  
14 adhere to the Open Meetings Act, the information from these meetings must be available for review, and

15 **WHEREAS**, it is important and necessary for our state departments to be as transparent and open as  
16 possible and must respond to citizen requests for information through use of the Freedom of Information  
17 Act; and

18 **WHEREAS**, anyone, at any time should have the freedom to file FOIA request in an equitable and  
19 speedy manner.

20 **WHEREAS**, allowing anyone to hinder a scientific study involving the state’s flora or fauna conducted  
21 by the Michigan Department of Natural Resources (MDNR), directly impacts the NRC’s ability to use  
22 sound science when making natural resource decisions; and  
23 **NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED**, that MUCC will work with the legislature to ensure  
24 continued access to state and federal information, and  
25 **BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED**, that MUCC will work with the legislature to ensure the end user will  
26 not use any information to jeopardize the definition of fair chase, or hinder any scientific study involving  
27 flora or fauna.

**Proposed Resolution #D**

**Submitted by:** George Lindquist, MUCC President  
**MUCC Region:** 1  
**Passed:** September 28, 2019 Conservation Policy Board  
**Title:** Encourage the use of non-lead alternatives

1 **WHEREAS**, Increasingly, there are more and more alternatives to lead in hunting ammunition,  
2 and in fishing sinkers, jig heads, etc. In some cases, these alternatives perform better than lead,  
3 such as the newer copper bullets and tungsten jigs;  
4 **THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED**, That MUCC educate the sporting public of the potential  
5 impacts of using lead, and the alternatives, for hunting ammunition, as well as fishing gear; and  
6 **BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED**, that MUCC encourage the use of non-lead whenever these  
7 options are available, and practical; and  
8 **BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED**, that this resolution does not apply to projectiles used at sport  
9 shooting ranges.