

**Conservation Federation of Missouri  
2015 Resolutions**

**Committee:** Small Game & Game Birds

**# 14**

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**Non-Toxic Shot on Dove Management Fields**

**WHEREAS**, lead is the main type of shot used by dove hunters; and

**WHEREAS**, according to the American Bird Conservancy, approximately 75,000 pellets per acre are deposited on managed dove fields; and

**WHEREAS**, lead is toxic to a variety of wildlife and consumers of wildlife; and

**WHEREAS**, according to the American Bird Conservancy ten million birds and other animals are killed each year from lead poisoning within the United States; and

**WHEREAS**, the Missouri Department of Conservation managed dove fields are extensively used by the public for dove hunting; and

**WHEREAS**, the lead shot that is deposited on these fields will not decompose and is consumed by doves; and

**WHEREAS**, lead shot cannot be mitigated or removed from wildlife habitats without great cost; now, therefore, be it

**RESOLVED** that the Conservation Federation of Missouri assembled at the Capitol Plaza Hotel, Jefferson City, MO, this 22nd day of March, 2015, recommends that the Missouri Department of Conservation prohibits all lead shot on Missouri Department of Conservation dove management fields.