

## Fwd: 1018-0067 (Comments on Proposed Information Collection; Approval Procedures for Nontoxic)

Campbell, Tina <tina\_campbell@fws.gov> Tue, Jan 17, 2017 at 10:55 AM To: Ronald Kokel <ronald\_kokel@fws.gov>, Madonna Baucum <madonna baucum@fws.gov> Ron, Another comment on your info collection. Tina Tina A. Campbell Chief, Division of Policy, Performance, and Management Programs U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service 5275 Leesburg Pike, MS: BPHC Falls Church, VA 22041-3803 Telephone: 703-358-2676 Fax: 703-358-1997 ----- Forwarded message -From: Elana Kritikos < EKritikos@avma.org> Date: Tue, Jan 17, 2017 at 10:35 AM Subject: 1018-0067 (Comments on Proposed Information Collection; Approval Procedures for Nontoxic) To: "tina campbell@fws.gov" <tina campbell@fws.gov> Hello Tina, Please find the comments attached. Sincerely,

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## RE: Docket Number [FWS-HQ-MB-2016-N201], Proposed Information Collection; Approval Procedures for Nontoxic Shot and Shot Coatings ('1018-0067')

Dear Sir or Madam:

The American Veterinary Medical Association supports the U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service information collection on "Approval Procedures for Nontoxic Shot and Shot Coatings" (Docket Number [FWS-HQ-MB-2016-N201], 1018-0067). We recognize the FWS authority associated with the Migratory Bird Treaty Act (16 U.S.C. 703 et seq.), under which the information collection is proposed, and related, we advocate for conservation of wildlife in native habitats and the prevention of extinction of animal species.

Recognizing that lead in the environment is a health risk to people, pets, livestock, and wildlife, we believe that the FWS information collection efforts described in the docket and scheduled to expire on January 31, 2017, are worthwhile and should continue. Additionally as done previously (Docket Number FWS-R9-MB-2011-0033, April 5, 2012), the AVMA encourages the FWS to change its terminology of "nontoxic shot and shot coatings" to "nontoxic ammunition and ammunition coatings" thereby being more inclusive of ammunition types. The AVMA encourages research, education, and actions to mitigate health risk of lead in the environment by elimination of lead exposure and continued development and use of alternative products.

The AVMA, founded in 1863, is one of the oldest and largest veterinary medical organizations in the world, with more than 89,000 member veterinarians worldwide engaged in a wide variety of professional activities and dedicated to the art and science of veterinary medicine. For questions regarding this letter, please contact Dr. Warren Hess at 847-285-6784 or <a href="whees@avma.org">whees@avma.org</a>.

Sincerely,

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