

Commissioner's Order No. 31-85. A Commissioner's Order to require the use of steel shot when hunting migratory birds and birds on Mille Lacs Band of Chippewa Indians trust land and water

NATURAL RESOURCES

WHEREAS: the Commissioner of Natural Resources has the responsibility for the protection of all natural resources within the jurisdiction of the Mille Lacs Band of Chippewa Indians through Band Statute 1001-MLC-1, Section 7.04; and

WHEREAS: the protection and conservation of all endangered or threatened species is of the highest priority for the Mille Lacs Band of Chippewa Indians; and

WHEREAS: the use of lead shot creates a hazard to those species that may ingest lead shot; and

WHEREAS: the ingestion of lead has a very high probability of causing lead poisoning in various species; and

WHEREAS: the problem of lead poisoning is most severe with eagles, falcons, and other birds of prey; and

WHEREAS: the use of lead shot to take migratory birds and other species is the primary source of lead that is creating lead poisoning in the different species.

NOW THEREFORE, pursuant to the authority vested in me by the Mille Lacs Band of Chippewa Indians under tribal law, I, Don Wedll, Commissioner of Natural Resources for the Mille Lacs Band of Chippewa Indians, hereby prescribe the following regulations, to preserve and protect all species from being subject to lead poisoning.

1. That on all lands and waters under the jurisdiction of the Mille Lacs Band of Chippewa Indians, it shall be a violation of this order to use lead shot to take or hunt any waterfowl or birds.

2. These lands are all trust lands and include the shooting over and on adjacent waters.

3. That anyone taking any waterfowl with lead shot hereafter be cited and charged with violations of this order and subject to Band law.

* Any Band member make make a personal written request to receive an exception for one year from this day to use lead shot upon approval by the Commissioner of Natural Resources.

Effective date shall be November 9, 1985.

DATED at Vineland, Minnesota, this fourth day of November in the year one thousand nine hundred and eighty five.

Don Wedll

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Commissioner of Natural Resources

APPROVED AND NUMBERED AS
TO FORM AND EXECUTION

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Solicitor General

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