



**SUBJECT: USE OF MUZZLELOADERS-ONLY IN MUZZLELOADER SEASON**

WHEREAS, the muzzleloader has one characteristic that distinguishes it from other firearms: it is loaded from the muzzle of the gun, and

WHEREAS, the black powder cartridge rifle shoots a rifle cartridge, and is loaded from the rear of the gun, and

WHEREAS, each time a muzzleloader is fired, powder must be measured and loaded into the muzzle, followed by the projectile, in order to reload, and

WHEREAS, the cartridge rifle has the exact amount of powder, and the projectile is seated in the exact same position every time and can be reloaded simply by inserting a fresh cartridge into the firing chamber, and

WHEREAS, the cartridge rifle has an the advantage of both accuracy and consistency compared to the muzzle loading rifle and is a substantially different firearm than envisioned for use when the muzzleloader or primitive firearm season was first conceived.

THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED that the Louisiana Wildlife Federation opposes allowing the use of firearms which are breech loaded during the designated muzzleloader deer season and supports allowing only those weapons that are loaded from the muzzle to be permitted to be used during the muzzleloader hunting season for deer.

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