

3. **BANNING PLASTIC WADS ON SAANICH BEACHES**

Notice of Motion from Councillor Chambers from the Council meeting of September 9, 2024.

To request the Mayor write a letter to the Minister of the Environment, Department of Fisheries and Oceans and levels of government tasked with the safeguarding of our waters and managing Canada's fisheries and ocean resources and ask them to ban plastic wads for shotgun shells that are washing up on Saanich beaches and go back to using papers so that recycling can happen.

Notice of Motion

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Rationale:

Plastic wads for shotguns used to be made from paper but because of cost and convenience they are now plastic.

The Notice of Motion will be considered at a future Council meeting.

1410-04 Notice of Motion

Angela Hawkshaw

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Dear Council Members:

I approached very respected Council woman Nathalie Chambers and handed her one of many plastic bags full of hard, plastic shotgun wads that I find at every beach I do cleanups on. It's so disturbing and irresponsible to know that here we are almost in 2025 and these very dangerous items are STILL being used by hunters when we all know how TRASHED all the world's oceans are and how toxic they have become. I am VERY concerned, not only for the glorious marine animals and birds who abound in them but also for we humans as well. Microplastics are now in the fish we eat and in the air we breathe. They are everywhere. Marine scientists just did a study of dolphins who are actually breathing in microplastics now. So we ALL are! We need to behave better for the sake of our children and grandchildren whose health is at risk. An organization in California called SURFRIDER are desperately trying to get these plastic shotgun wads banned as we speak down in that State. I sent Ms. Chambers a link to that. Just one of these plastic wads ingested by ANY marine life species will kill them. They are very hard and have very sharp prongs on them. What's so unbelievable is that these items used to be made out of CARDBOARD! PLEASE act on getting these plastic shotgun wads BANNED. We know the Orcas are a Species At Risk now and just recently a baby orca has been spotted suffering from severe malnutrition.

PLEASE HELP and DO THE RIGHT THING!

Thank You
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