# Student Worksheet: Industry Connections

## Plastic Wads on the Beach

*What are some solutions to the plastic wad debris problem that could apply to your local area? Connect with users, industry members, and regulatory agencies in your community to learn about current or future projects that could be implemented.*

1. **What solutions have you learned about already that could address the plastic wad debris problem?** Are any of these strategies are currently being used in your local area?
2. **What alternatives are there to plastic wads?** What are the pros and cons of various alternatives? Research and correspond with makers of biodegradable shotgun wads to learn more about their products and what they mean by ‘biodegradable’.

**Identify people who would be helpful to interview about this topic.** For example, Oregon Department of Fish and Wildlife (ODFW) trains new hunters and issues hunting licenses, so they have a natural connection to those who may purchase and use shotgun wads. Other potential audiences include hunting suppliers, shooting range operators, and land managers where hunting takes place. Interview an older relative who has experience with shotguns and learn what it was like to use biodegradable wads ‘back in the day’.

1. List local **names and organizations** below:
2. List interview questions you would like to ask your audience(s).