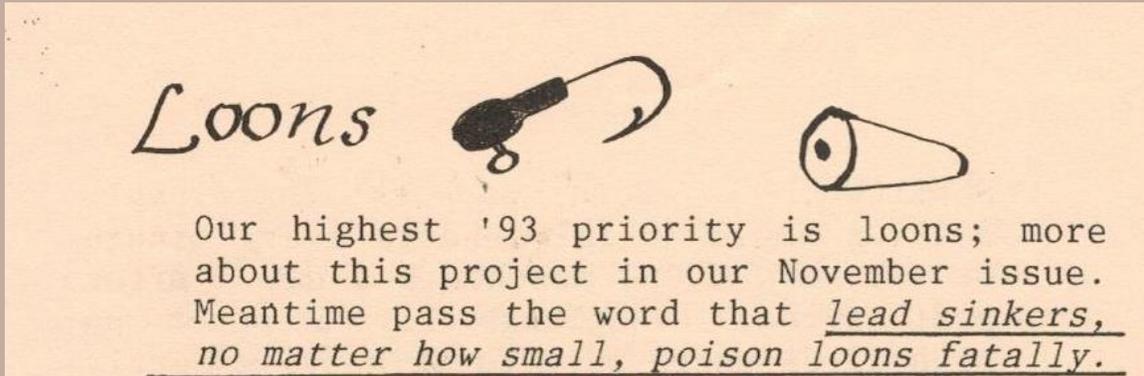


**THE WOLFE LAKE COTTAGES ASSOCIATION: LOONS, HERONS AND OTHERS (1993)**

**From Avian Care & Research Foundation - Verona, Ontario**

Our highest priority this year is loons, and our greatest concern is their fatal ingestion of lead sinkers accompanying the “fish that got away.”



They swallow their catch whole, swiftly, and the lead is often accompanied with line and hook. The soft lead is rubbed off by the pebbles in the strong, muscular gizzard and absorbed into the bloodstream, giving the loon a continuous infusion of toxin till it is too weak to fly, then too weak to dive, and finally too moribund to resist being picked up. Believe me, a healthy loon resists!

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