

Petition

To The Legislative Assembly of Ontario:

Whereas Lead is a toxic heavy metal that when ingested is known to damage multiple organ systems in living animals (including humans) causing blindness, decreased reproductivity, seizures, and death.

Whereas over 180 metric tonnes of fishing tackle consisting of lead sinkers & jigs are lost in Ontario waterways every year, some of which is ingested by Common Loons and other aquatic birds.

Whereas lead poisoning from fishing tackle is the leading cause of death in the province for the Common Loon, Ontario's official bird.

Whereas Common Loons and other aquatic birds are more apt to ingest lead fishing tackle of a certain size and weight.

We, the undersigned petition the Legislative Assembly of Ontario to ban the sale and use of lead sinkers, weights & jigs under 50 grams (1.75 oz) in weight, and any lead-headed tackle under 6.5cm (2.5") in length.

[illegible]