

LEAD Fishing Tackle KILLS Loons & Other Wildlife

One small lead sinker is enough to kill an adult loon, and as many as 1 in 5 loons suffer a slow, painful death from lead toxicity.

There are many lead-free types of tackle available that perform well and don't kill wildlife. Sinkers, split shot, jigs, bullet weights, drop shots, spinnerbaits and more are being manufactured from non-toxic materials like tungsten, tin, steel, bismuth, metal composite, glass and even stone.

The Wolfe Lake Association Westport, Ontario Canada has spearheaded a province-wide campaign to rid our lakes of lead. Visit their informative site.

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Lake Kasshabog Residents Association has joined with other lake associations to further this campaign. We would like to thank our 2024 campaign sponsors, COVIA and Peterborough Pro Tackle for supporting us this year. Thanks go to HBM for matching our commitment with an environmental grant and to Four Seasons on Wellington & Apsley Outdoors for donating some great kids' prizes for our lucky draw.



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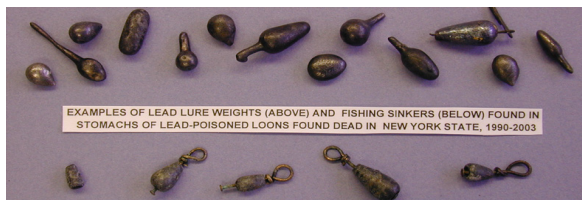


A Little About Loons

Loons are an iconic symbol of pristine wilderness lakes, where their haunting calls stir something deep within us. Loons face many survival challenges, including those created by human activity.

One of the biggest threats facing loons today is lead poisoning from swallowing lead fishing tackle.

Lead poisoning causes tremendous suffering, as loons (eagles, swans, and other wildlife) deteriorate slowly and painfully over one to three weeks. Fishing tackle is the sole cause of at least 50% of loon mortality in some regions.



How Lead Tackle Ends Up In A Loon

Lead is invisible to wildlife! Lead tackle is ingested by loons and other aquatic birds in different ways. Loons intentionally swallow small stones to help digest their food, and small lead sinkers and split shot, lost by anglers on lake bottoms, look just like natural pebbles, except they're poisonous. Also, when a fish breaks your line and swims away with tackle attached, it becomes an easy catch for loons, eagles, and ospreys; and sometimes, when a fish dies from swallowing tackle, it is scavenged, literally, "hook, line, and sinker."

How Can I Make A Difference?

First, check out your cottage tackle box and remove the jigs, sinkers, or drop shot lines. Now, check to see if the weights are made from lead. How can you tell? Lead is dull and grey and will leave a mark when scratched on paper. It's a dense soft metal that can be dented with your fingernail or pliers. Is it safe to use coated lead tackle? NO! Coatings are quickly eroded by the grinding in the digestive system and then lead is absorbed into the bloodstream. Hunters should also ensure their shell shot is non-lead.

LKRA Lead-Free Tackle Exchange

This summer the LKRA is inviting all cottagers to check their tackle boxes and remove any lead tackle. Bring it to the LKRA membership table at the 2024 Regatta on Saturday, August 3 between 12-2 pm and we will exchange it for some tungsten tackle. All adults participating will be entered in a lucky draw for prizes from Peterborough Pro Tackle. We will also have an exchange table at the year-end party on August 31st. All kids exchanging tackle will be entered in a lucky draw for super kids prizes from Four Seasons on Wellington & Apsley Outdoors.



Please Fish Lead-Free in our Lake