

GOOSE LAKE CHAIN OF LAKES LANDOWNERS ASSOCIATION NEWSLETTER

Summer 2021

Get the lead out!



Non-lead fishing tackle is an effective alternative, and it protects loons, eagles and other wildlife.

Tackling the problem
Lead is a toxic metal that, in sufficient quantities, has adverse effects on the nervous and reproductive systems of animals. Found in most fishing jigs and sinkers, this metal is poisoning wildlife such as loons and eagles.

More anglers are using fishing tackle made from non-poisonous materials such as tin, bismuth, steel, and tungsten. And these alternatives are becoming easier to find.

Sink like a stone



These pebbles and sinkers were found in the gizzard of a lead-poisoned loon from Minnesota. You can see how loons can mistake lost fishing weights for the pebbles they seek to help grind their food. Loons die within two to three weeks after swallowing a lead sinker or jig.

Non-lead weights and jigs

There's been an explosion of innovations in the tackle industry, and your options are becoming more plentiful each year.

Tin	Tungsten	Stainless steel
Snap-on tungsten composite	Bismuth	Glass
Bismuth/tin	Bismuth/tin	Tungsten composite

X-ray of a dead loon with ingested lead fishing tackle, found in a northern Minnesota lake.



Loons and eagles sometimes ingest lead by eating fish which have themselves swallowed lead tackle.

More resources → www.moea.state.mn.us/sinkers  **Made in Minnesota**

MN Pollution Control has a list of free tackle www.pca.state.mn.us/leadout

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September 11th at 10am
Fall Annual Meeting
Fish Lake Townhall
Come for the donuts!

We want you! **Vice President** role will be open at next meeting!
Secretary role is up for election. Miranda Dyrdaahl has volunteered for secretary. Confirmation will need to occur at meeting.



We are happy to share the Point-Intercept Survey results for Rabour, Mandall and Little Horseshoe Lakes. The Floristic Quality Index (FQI) for Rabour (24.3) is higher than average. The FQI for Mandall is 21 and for Little Horseshoe is 16.6, which is less than the median.

The report was funded through the State AIS prevention aid funding. Next year additional lakes in Chisago County will be surveyed. The goal is to survey each lake every five years. This report will help track any changes to the aquatic plant community over time, especially if there are new invasives in the lake.

Full reports of aquatic invasive species can be found at the DNR website at <https://www.dnr.state.mn.us/invasives/ais/programs.html>



This fall, sometime in October specifically, there will be a local public meeting near the Goose Lake Chain regarding a proposed change to the existing crappie special regulation on these lakes. *In the interest of statewide consistency, the crappie special regulation on Goose, Mandall and Rabour are proposed to change from possession to daily limits.* Currently, the regulation is a 5 crappie possession limit – meaning a successful angler cannot keep crappies from a different lake. The proposal is to change it to a daily limit, which will bring the regulation in line with other panfish special regulations around the state. This will reduce angler confusion and also help enforcement of these special regulations.

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Walleye Stocking

On October 16, 2020, the DNR stocked Goose Lake with 350 pounds of 1 to 2 year old walleye (each approximately 10 inches long).



Zebra Mussel Plates

Chisago County uses volunteers to place plates off their dock to help monitor for Zebra mussels. Lake owners with plates send monthly reports as to whether or not they have suspected zebra mussels.

Interested in a plate for next year?

Contact **Shelly L. Sprain**

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HELP OUR LAKES WHILE YOU DRINK!

Aluminum can recycling trailer parked in Stark just west of the Local Bar and across from the Full Moon. We made 2 aluminum can deposits \$348.00 (June) & \$396.60 (July)!



THANK YOU FAIR VOLUNTEERS!

Thank you to those who volunteered to take tickets at the Isanti County Fair.





This year's boat parade was another success with over 30 boats! Thank you to all who participated, decorated, and brought the fun of our community to the lake! A few pictures from the day:



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