

Protect your family and the environment: Get The Lead Out

Teach Your "Tadpoles"

Create a lead-free tackle box for your kids and grandkids. Choose from tin spilt shot, bismuth jig heads, and tungsten composite worm weights. They are non-toxic and safer for youngsters to handle. And it's a great way to teach strong conservation ethic.

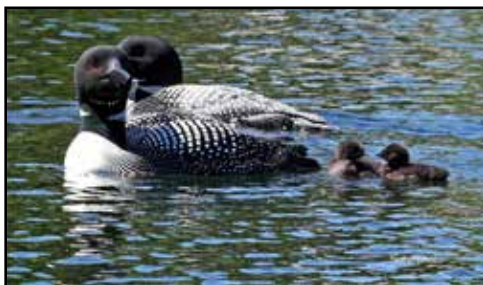


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New Hampshire and New England anglers buy a lot of tackle. That's a big reason why we all should participate in speeding up the transition to lead-free angling. Today, a growing number of anglers are going lead-free.



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Get The Lead Out! For a Lead-Free Lake

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



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The Problem: Loons are a threatened species in New Hampshire and face growing challenges throughout the state. From 1989 to 2010, there were 119 loon deaths from lead tackle. Loons ingest tackle as pebbles for digestion or by ingesting fish that have ingested lead tackle. Much of the ingested tackle comes from current fishing use. Loon mortalities peak with the fishing and tourism season. Contact the Loon Preservation Committee for more information at www.loon.org.

Tackling the Problem:

Lead is a toxic metal that has adverse effects on the nervous and reproductive systems of animals (and humans too!) This metal in fishing gear can kill loons and other wildlife by lead poisoning. More anglers are using fishing tackle made from non-poisonous materials.



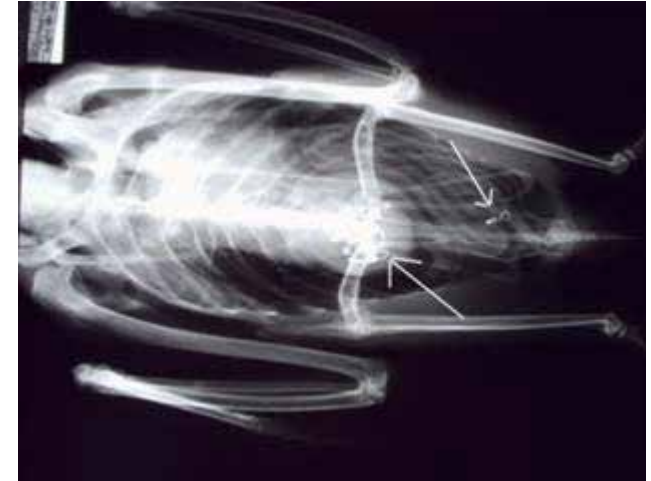
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A new law goes into effect in NH

On June 1, 2016, the sale and freshwater use of lead fishing sinkers and jigs (lead-weighted hooks) weighing one ounce or less are banned. The new law does not apply to lead core line, spinnerbaits, buzzbaits, spoons, poppers, plugs or flies.

State law already prohibits the use of certain size lead sinkers and jigs in all fresh waters of New Hampshire. The new ban will prohibit the use and sale of lead sinkers and jigs weighing 1 ounce or less, regardless of length.

Lead-free options are now available: steel, tungsten ceramic, bismuth/tin, glass, tungsten/nickel, copper composite, and tin.



This X-ray shows a common loon having ingested lead tackle and two hooks. Hooks are usually digested, but lead weights cause lead poisoning and death within 2 weeks.

Don't Throw Old Lead Tackle in the Trash

Bring it to your local household hazardous waste collection site. Some scrap metal recyclers also accept lead. Or bring in your lead tackle to LSPA and swap it for a lead free sample.

