



What's in Your Tackle Box?

Get the Lead Out!

Lead fishing tackle kills loons, eagles, swans, and other aquatic wildlife dependent on Wisconsin's lakes, rivers, and streams each year. All it takes is one lead sinker to kill a loon. For a penny more, this could be prevented with a non-toxic equivalent.



Photo courtesy of the Minnesota DNR

The loon above died from ingesting lead tackle.



Photos by: Marge Gibson

Bald eagles and trumpeter swan afflicted with lead poisoning.

You can prevent lead poisoning in wildlife:

- Replace lead jigs and sinkers with non-toxic equivalents made of tin, bismuth, steel, tungsten or ceramic.
- Ask the businesses where you purchase fishing tackle to carry non-lead products.
- Dispose of old lead sinkers and jigs properly at your local hazardous waste collection site.
- Instill strong conservation ethics in your kids by outfitting their tackle boxes with non-lead tackle.
- Use non-lead ammunition for hunting.

Enjoy fishing and the outdoors without poisoning wildlife by using non-toxic fishing tackle and ammunition.



Photo by Tom Maple

For more information about lead poisoning and what you can do to Get the Lead Out!

- **LoonWatch**
<http://www.northland.edu/loonwatch>
- **Raptor Education Group**
<http://www.raptoreducationgroup.org>
- **Minnesota Pollution Control Agency**
<http://www.moea.state.mn.us/reduce/sinkers.cfm>

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Visit the Wisconsin Bird Conservation Initiative:
<http://www.wisconsinbirds.org/leadpoisoning.htm>



The following organizations are working together for healthy wildlife and lead-free waters in Wisconsin:



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