

THE PROBLEM WITH FISHING LINES AND LEAD TACKLE

- Loons become entangled in discarded fishing line and cannot swim or fly.
- Lost hooks impale the birds causing serious injury and even death.
- **Water birds can die by eating just one lead sinker or jig.**
- In eastern North America, up to half of all Common Loons found dead have died from eating lead sinkers and jigs.

WHAT CAN YOU DO?

- **Don't Discard!** Find broken lines and lost hooks and then dispose of them appropriately.
- **Keep the Lead-out!** Use lead-free fishing sinkers and jigs when you fish. They can be purchased at many retail chains that sell fishing tackle.
- **Exercise your purchasing power!** Ask your local sporting goods store or your favourite marina to stock lead-free fishing tackle. The more people who request and purchase lead-free alternatives the more common (and less expensive) these products will become.
- **Spread the Word!** Tell other anglers about the problem with lead, and encourage them to switch to lead-free alternatives.

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