

Citizen Resolution # 441522

(For Hearing Officer completion)



Restrict Lead Fishing Tackle in Wisconsin

All anglers have experienced lines breaking, fish getting away and losing lures. Lost tackle has a direct impact on populations of loons, swans, eagles, and osprey. In the last 27 years, Northern Wisconsin's Common Loon population has decreased by 22%. A surveillance program examining lead toxicity as a factor in mortality of Common Loons in Wisconsin found that approximately 30% of the dead loons submitted for necropsy were lead poisoned. It's important to look at this as a preventable issue. Limiting the amount of small lead sinkers and jigs would help reduce stress on breeding loons and increase the health of the ecosystem. Many alternatives to lead tackle are available, including tungsten, tin, iron, and others. The cost of replacing small lead jigs and split sinkers would be nominal for most anglers.

Do you support the WCC working with the DNR, the Natural Resources Board and our state legislature to implement a limitation on lead jigs and sinkers weighing 1oz or less? Limitation could be phased in over time.

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