PETITION

To The Legislative Assembly of Ontario

Whereas Lead is a toxic heavy metal that when ingested is known to damage multiple organ systems in living animals (including humans) causing blindness, decreased reproductivity, seizures, and death.

Whereas over 180 metric tonnes of fishing tackle consisting of lead sinkers & jigs are lost in Ontario waterways every year, some of which is ingested by Common Loons and other aquatic birds.

Whereas lead poisoning from fishing tackle is the leading cause of death in the province for the Common Loon, Ontario's official bird.

Whereas Common Loons and other aquatic birds are more apt to ingest lead fishing tackle of a certain size and weight.

We, the undersigned petition the Legislative Assembly of Ontario to ban the sale and use of lead sinkers, weights & jigs under 50 grams (1.75 oz) in weight, and any lead-headed tackle under 6.5cm (2.5") in length.

Name (printed)	Address (printed)	Signature

Calling for Legislative Change

TAKE ACTION FOR OUR LAKES AND LOONS AND SIGN THE PETITION FOR CHANGE

Lead fishing tackle poses a serious threat to our Provincial National Bird, the Common Loon where even small amounts of lead can cause poisoning, lead to blindness, seizures, reproductive failure and death. By advocating for restrictions on lead tackle we can protect our lakes, other wildlife, and future generations of anglers.
PLEASE, SIGN THE PETITION FOR CHANGE on the reverse side of this page.

As part of the next step in our "Let's Get The Lead Out" Program, we are moving forward with a Petition for Change to the Ontario Government to update its fishing regulations to align with Parks Canada and support the transition to safer alternatives to lead

The following is the proposed lead fishing tackle restrictions for this petition

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Why this proposed restriction?
Scientific studies have shown that more than 95% of lead tackle ingested by wildlife is of this size & weight, and smaller.

Collaborative expansion of the fishleadfree initiative.

We are pleased to announce that our initiative has grown beyond the Wolfe Lake Association to become a collaborative effort involving multiple lake associations. Notably, the Charleston Lake Association (CLA) and Charleston Lake Environmental Association (CLEA) have joined as co-partners, contributing financial support and actively participating as members of the project's steering committee. Other contributing members include individuals from the Canadian Veterinary Medical Association, Redstone Cottage Lake Association, Drag and Spruce Lake Property Owners Association, Shawano Rate Payers Association and Echo Lake Association.

How can you help?

Help amplify our voice by collecting signatures for our petition from your network of friends, neighbors and community members. Most people care, they just need to be asked. The official petition form is on the reverse side of this page. All signatures must be original.
You can also download a copy at petition.fishleadfree.ca.

Or alternatively, the Wolfe Lake Association Westport will have the petition form available at our Annual General Meeting (AGM) July 26, 2025.

Who can sign the petition?

Petitioners must be residents of Ontario, including seasonal residents at the time of signing (example: a resident living in another Canadian Province or Country but residing at a seasonally owned Ontario cottage at the time of signing). Please note the capacity to sign is not limited to Canadians. American or other non-Canadian cottagers who own property in Ontario at the time of signing, may also sign the petition as long as you use your Canadian address and postal codes.

There are no age restrictions for petitioners provided they are fully informed and understand what they are signing.

Each petitioner must print his or her name and address be it residential address / seasonal address and sign his or her name under the text of the petition.

EVERY SIGNATURE COUNTS!

Every signature is a step toward a cleaner, healthier future for our lakes and the life they support. Thank you for your thoughtful consideration to this important initiative.

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