

Sigurd Olson Environmental Institute
NORTHLAND COLLEGE

Get the Lead Out! is a campaign to educate anglers on the dangerous effects of lead fishing tackle on loons and other birds and wildlife.

Non-lead fishing tackle suppliers

Ambush Lures | www.ambushlures.com

"Scented Polymer Matrix" nontoxic weights re made from densified plastic.

Bass Pro Shops | www.basspro-shops.com

Search their web site for "XPS" and "Excalibur" weights (tungsten), "Ultra Steel 2000," and "Sticky Weight" tungsten putty, "Lake Fork" tungsten jigs, Gremlin Green "bismuth worm sinkers," and "Safe-Sink" densified plastic worm weights.

Big Ten Tackle | www.bigtentackle.com

An online source for ceramic and steel sinkers.

BossTin | www.bosstin.com

Fishing weights made of tin, including split shot, stylers, swivel sinkers, and a variety of egg and bullet sinkers.

Bullet Weights | www.bulletweights.com

Alternative terminal tackle products. "Ultra Steel" sinkers and interchangeable jigs, and tin split shot.

Cabela's | www.cabelas.com

This retailer carries many brands of "non-toxic fishing weights" in their online catalog.

Conquistador Tackle Company | www.conquistadortackle.com

The Conquest tungsten bullet slip weight is available in seven different sizes.

Double Necker Rigs | www.doublenecker.com

Fishing rig made from recycled beverage bottles. Use as a bobber or a weight.

Dr. Drop tungsten composite sinkers | <http://drdropsinkers.com>

Tungsten composite sinkers, "click and slide" weight, as well as traditional bullet and bell sinkers in several weights.

Eagle Claw Fishing Tackle | www.eagleclawclassic.com

Includes non-toxic removable split-shot made of tin, and a variety of steel sinkers (bass-casting, egg, and rubber core).

First Mate Lures, Inc. | www.firstmatelures.com

Online retailer of non-toxic tackle made from a bismuth/tin alloy. Jigs, drop shots, bottom bouncers, and slip sinkers.

Fiskas Wolfram Jigs | www.yourbobbersdown.com

Tungsten jig heads in a variety of sizes, shapes, and colors. Available in the U.S. and Canada; made in Sweden.

Flambeau Outdoors | www.flambeauoutdoors.com/fishing.asp

"Safe-Sink" worm weights and jig heads are made from a proprietary nontoxic plastic material with tungsten.

GlowOptics | www.glowoptics.net

"Tiger Eye" glass jigs with a glow. Available in a variety of sizes for on the ice or open water.

Islander Lures | www.islanderlures.com

Ice fishing and crappie jigs made of tin.

Jackfish Lures | www.jackfishlures.com

Jigs and sinkers made of bismuth.

JC Manufacturing | www.planer-board.com

Cast-iron downrigger weights in 4, 6, 8, and 10-pound sizes.

John's Freshwater Jigs | <http://johnsjigs.com>

Pittsburgh-based manufacturer of premium bismuth/tin jigs. Sold wholesale in large quantities.

Kanji International | www.tacklewarehouse.com/catpage-KANJI.html

Tungsten drop-shot weights are more dense than lead, up to 50% smaller than their lead cousins of same weight.

Lake Fork Tackle | www.lakeforktackle.com/weights.htm

The "Mega-Weights" line features worm weights and barrel weights made from a tungsten-nickel alloy.

Lead Free Jig Heads | www.leadfreejigheads.com

Online retailer of tin/bismuth alloy sinkers and jigs in a variety of styles.

Lindy Fishing Tackle | www.lindyfishingtackle.com

New for 2008: The Techni-Glo Rattl'n Flyer Spoon is made from a tin/pewter alloy with a brass rattle. Eco-Safe E-Z Tube Weights are made of a tin/pewter alloy, and available in four weight sizes, with and without rattles.

Loon Outdoors | www.loonoutdoors.com/sinkets.html

The "Deep Soft Weight" (1 oz.) is made from tungsten.

Lucky Strike Bait Works Ltd. | www.luckystrikebaitworks.com

Jigs, jig heads, sinkers, and split-shot made from nontoxic bismuth and tin.

Northland Fishing Tackle | www.northlandtackle.com

The "Nature Jig" is 100% lead free, cast from a nontoxic bismuth/tin alloy.

Penetrater Weights | www.penetraterweights.com

Tungsten steel bullet-style worm weights available in a variety of colors.

River2Sea | www.river2seausa.com

California-based manufacturer of non-toxic tungsten sinkers and bismuth/tin alloy buzzbaits and spinnerbaits.

Rocky Ledge Bass Tackle | www.rockyledge.com

Spinnerbaits, buzzbaits, and jigs made from pewter.

Tacklesmith | www.tacklesmith.com

Wisconsin-based online retailer of lead-free sinkers and jigs made from a variety of non-toxic metals.

The Gapen Company | www.gapen.com

Minnesota manufacturer sells some tin jigs, including the Crappie Vixen and The Jerk.

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