

# LOONWATCH

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## ***Lead-free alternatives: Manufacturers and retailers***

*Lead is a known toxin that is commonly used in fishing weights and jigs. When ingested by wildlife, it is 100% fatal. Non-lead fishing tackle is not a novelty product. Ask for it at retailers and shops, and visit these tackle web sites:*

### **Alley's Tungsten Behemoth Lures** |

<http://www.alleystungsten.com/>

Tournament-quality insert-free & inserted tungsten weights and jigs.

### **Ambush Lure Co.** |

<https://ambushlureco.com/collections/frontpage>

Various lead-free products including jigs, hooks, and tungsten heads. See their website for details on their UV products.

### **Amped Outdoors** |

<https://ampedoutdoors.com/collections/tungsten-ice-jigs>

Tungsten jigs, tungsten bass jigs, plastics and more.

### **Angler Tungsten** |

<https://www.anglertungstenco.com/search?q=heads&type=product>

Tungsten neds, jigs, and weights.

### **Bass Pro Shops** | [www.basspro.com/](http://www.basspro.com/)

Search their web site for "XPS" weights (tungsten) 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.

### **BassTEK** | <https://tungstenjigs.com/>

Tungsten jigs, weights, and bass fishing tackle

### **BiCO Performance Jigs** | <http://bicojigs.com/>

Lead Free Bass Jigs. Original Stand-up Designs. Premium Owner Hooks. Last Longer, Hung Up Less. Durable, High-Detail Paint. Made in the USA

### **Bold North Outdoors** |

<https://www.boldnorthoutdoors.com/tungsten-jigs>

Various tungsten jigs available.

### **BossTin** | [www.bosstin.com/](http://www.bosstin.com/)

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

### **Bullet Weights** | [www.bulletweights.com/](http://www.bulletweights.com/)

Alternative terminal tackle products. "Ultra Steel" sinkers and interchangeable jigs; tin split shot; tungsten bullet and screw-in weights.

### **Cabela's** | [www.cabelas.com/](http://www.cabelas.com/)

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

### **Conquistador Tackle Company** |

[www.conquistadortackle.com/](http://www.conquistadortackle.com/)

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

### **Clam Outdoors** |

<https://shop.clamoutdoors.com/cpt.html>

Jigs and other lead-free tackle options. Kits available.

### **Clearly Outdoors** | <http://www.clearlyoutdoors.com/>

Eau Claire-based company sells high-performance tungsten sinkers made in the USA.

### **Dave's Tangle Free** | <http://davestanglefree.com/>

High performance non-toxic, lead-free fishing weights.

### **Dr. Drop tungsten composite sinkers** |

[www.clearlyoutdoors.com/](http://www.clearlyoutdoors.com/)

Tungsten composite sinkers use exclusive "friction grip" allowing for fast attachment and retrieval. Also a "click and slide" weight, as well as traditional bullet and bell sinkers in several weights.

**Eagle Claw Fishing Tackle** | [www.eagleclaw.com/](http://www.eagleclaw.com/)  
Colorado retailer's online catalog includes non-toxic removable split-shot made of tin, and a variety of steel sinkers (bass-casting, egg, and rubber core).

**Eco Pro Tungsten** | <https://ecoprotungsten.com/>  
Eco Pro Tungsten weights are 97% pure tungsten. Dense, fray-free, insert-free and lead-free, in a variety of styles: worm weights, flipping weights, drop shot weights, as well as jigs and spins.

**Flipside Outdoors** | <https://www.flipsideoutdoors.com/collections/frontpage>  
Various tungsten weights available.

**First Mate Lures, Inc.** | [www.firstmatelures.com/](http://www.firstmatelures.com/)  
Online retailer of lead free tackle. Jigs, drop shots, bottom bouncers, and slip sinkers, available in a variety of styles and sizes.

**Fisherbeck** | <https://fisherbeck-jigs.square.site/>  
Various lightweight jigs made in the USA.

**FishUSA** | [www.fishusa.com](http://www.fishusa.com)  
Many varieties of tungsten weights and sinkers, including split shot, nail sinkers, and bullet weights.

**Fiskas Wolfram Jigs** | [www.yourbobberson.com/](http://www.yourbobberson.com/)  
Tungsten jig heads in a variety of sizes, shapes, and colors. Available at many retailers throughout the U.S. and Canada; made in Sweden.

**Gander RV & Outdoors** | <https://www.ganderoutdoors.com/fishing/terminal-tackle/weights-sinkers/lead-free>

Lead free sinkers and weights made from steel

**Gitzit, Inc.** | [www.gitzitinc.com/](http://www.gitzitinc.com/)  
Lead-free "Little Tough Guy" and "Micro Little Tough Guy" jig heads.

**Glasswater Angling** | <https://glasswaterangling.com/>  
Bismuth jig heads and a variety of lead free lures and weights.

**Heavy Metal Fishing** | <https://heavymetalangling.com/collections/tungsten>  
Tungsten weights, jigs, rigs, and heads.

**Jade's Jigs** | <https://jadesjigs.com/>  
A variety of jigs made from bismuth and tin alloys

**Keitech** | <http://www.keitech.co.jp/english/>  
Tungsten-composite bass jigs and round head jigs.

**Lead Free Bass Jigs** | <https://leadfreebassjigs.com/>  
Jigs made from bismuth-tin alloy or bismuth. A variety of jig head types and colors offered, including skirt and hook options.

**Lead Free Lures** | <https://www.leadfreelures.com/shop>  
Premium lead free products including jigs, heads, and other lures.

**Lead Free Jig Heads** | <http://www.leadfreejigheads.com/>  
Online retailer of tin/bismuth alloy sinkers and jigs in a variety of styles.

**Lindy Fishing Tackle** | <http://www.lindyfishingtackle.com/>  
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** | <http://www.loonoutdoors.com/>  
The "Deep Soft Weight" (1 oz.) is made from tungsten.

**Lucky Dawg Tackle** | <https://luckydawgtackle.com/search?page=1&q=tungsten+jigs>  
Tungsten jigs and fly tied jigs. Assorted kits are also available.

**Lucky Strike Bait Works Ltd.** | <http://www.luckystrikebaitworks.com/>  
Lead free spinners and spoons.

**Motley Fishing** | <https://www.motleyfishing.com/https://www.motleyfishing.com/>  
Tournament quality tungsten weights and lures.

**Orvis** | <http://www.orvis.com/>  
International outfitter sells some varieties of non-toxic split shot including oval and camo shot.

**Osprey Fishing Lures** | <http://www.osprey-tackle.com/>  
Carrier of lead free fishing tackle: Tungsten jig heads, ice jigs and soft tin buck shots.

**Nicklow's Wholesale** | <https://nicklowswholesale.com/>  
Search "lead free" to view a variety of tungsten jigs, lead free lures, and ceramic sinkers.

**Northland Fishing Tackle** |

<http://www.northlandtackle.com/>

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

**Pallatrax USA** | <http://www.pallatrax.co.uk/>

Weights in the Stonze System are made from naturally occurring stones. Available in a range of sizes and colors, in swivel and in-line versions.

**Panther Martin** | <http://www.panthermartin.com/>

A variety spinners that are made from stainless steel and come in a number of sizes.

**Pepper Custom Baits** |

<https://www.peppercustombaits.com/>

The Pepper Punch is a tungsten weight with the skirt collar molded into it.

**Picasso Lures, LLC** | <http://www.picassooutdoors.com/>

Tungsten worm and flipping weights with chip-resistant Duraseal coating.

**PJ's Tackle Co** |

<https://www.pjstackleco.com/collections/marabou-jigs>

Family owned business that provides work for low-income individuals. Various marabou jigs available.

**Pur. Tungsten** | [www.pur-tungsten.com](http://www.pur-tungsten.com)

Bulk retailer of tungsten fishing weights and sinkers.

**Queen Tackle** | <https://www.queentackle.com/shop-9>

Tungsten jigs, heads, shakes, and weights.

**Real Deal Tungsten** | [www.realdealtungsten.com](http://www.realdealtungsten.com)

Offers a wide variety of tungsten fishing weights and jigs in many styles.

**Resolute Tackle** |

<https://resolutetackle.com/collections/tungsten-jigs>

Various tungsten jigs. Jig kits are also available.

**River2Sea** | [www.river2seausa.com/](http://www.river2seausa.com/)

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

**RockyBrook Sinkers** | [www.rockybrooksinkers.com/](http://www.rockybrooksinkers.com/)

Fishing weights made from limestone. Weights from 1/10 oz. to 1/2 oz. Same weight as lead, but not as dense.

**Rocky Ledge Tackle** |

<https://www.rockyledgetackle.com/>

Premium supplier of lead free bladed-jigs and spinnerbaits.

**Salamander Sinkers** | [www.salamandersinkers.com/](http://www.salamandersinkers.com/)

Steel sinkers with a new, patent-pending design for terminal tackle. Nontoxic, snag-resistant, and weight-adjustable.

**Sandman Custom Lures** |

<http://www.sandmancustomlures.com/shop/>

Tungsten casting jigs and football jigs.

**Siebert Outdoors** | <https://siebertoutdoors.com/>

Jigs and jig heads in a variety of styles and sizes, made from bismuth-tin alloy.

**Sourdough Bay Fishing Supplies** |

<https://bigskyflies.ca/tungsten-jigs/>

Canadian-based company has been producing lead free Bismuth/Tin alloy jigs, sinkers and weights in for the last 25 years.

**Spinner Aas Fishing Tackle** |

<https://spinneraasfishingtackle.ca/>

Custom made, handcrafted, lead-free lures. Pre-made lures are also available.

**Stone Creek** | <https://stonecreekltd.com/weights.html>

Tung Fu Ready Weight is tungsten putty, moldable and non-toxic.

**Strike King Lure Company** |

<https://www.strikeking.com/>

Tour Grade Tungsten weights in a variety of sizes and colors, noting the benefits of the higher density and hardness. Web site offers a dealer locator.

**Swagger Tungsten** | <https://swaggertackle.com/>

Tungsten weights, heads, and jigs available.

**Swivits** | <http://swivits.com/>

Various lead-free sinkers made from a granite and quartz mixture.

**Tacklesmith** | [www.tacklesmith.com/](http://www.tacklesmith.com/)

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

**Tackle Warehouse** |

[https://www.tacklewarehouse.com/Non\\_Lead\\_Jigs/catpage-NONLEADIIG.html](https://www.tacklewarehouse.com/Non_Lead_Jigs/catpage-NONLEADIIG.html)

Tugsten jigs and rigs in a variety of styles.

**Tactical Fishing** |

[https://www.tacticalfishing.net/store/c1/Featured\\_Products.html](https://www.tacticalfishing.net/store/c1/Featured_Products.html)

Glass jigs and lures with a lifetime, free replacement warranty.

**Tasty Tackle** |

<https://www.tastytackle.com/shop/tungsten-jig-hooks/3>

Tungsten jig hooks in various colors and brass fly beads.

**The Gapen Company** | [www.gapen.com/](http://www.gapen.com/)

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

**The Lunkah Huntah Tackle Company** | <https://lunkah-huntah.com/>

Fishing weights using bismuth and tin, with lead-free paint for the finish.

**The Snare Shop** |

<https://www.snareshop.com/products.asp?dept=1300>

A variety of Non lead sinkers and jigs made from a mixture of environmentally safe alloys.

**Shallow Glass Lures** |

[www.shallowglasslures.com/index.html](http://www.shallowglasslures.com/index.html)

Handcrafted and hand tuned spinning lures made in the USA.

**The SHOT-GUN** | <http://www.theshot-gun.com>

A lead-free fishing sinker device that stores and injects tungsten shot that can be attached to fishing line and other fishing accessories, like hooks, lures, and rubber baits.

**Timmy Tom's Jig Co.** | <https://www.timmytoms.com/>

A variety of jig heads cast with a tin alloy in place of lead. Available painted and unpainted

**Tin Man Lures** | <https://www.ebay.com/str/tinmanlures>

Manufacturer of high quality fishing lures using pure tin since 1996.

**Titan Tungsten** | <https://titan-tungsten.com/>

Various tungsten weights, jigs, and drop-shots.

**Water Gremlin** | <http://www.watgremlin.com/>

Minnesota-based producer manufactures a number of steel sinkers in egg, slip, and drop shot varieties. The "Gremlin Green" line features several styles of weights made from bismuth, and split-shot made from tin as well.

**Woo! Tungsten** | <https://wootungsten.com/>

Various sized tungsten weights available.

**XTackle** | <http://www.xtackle.com/>

Fishing tackle distributor carries a wide variety of environmentally smart fishing weights.

**Yakima Bait Co.** | <https://www.yakimabait.com/>

The Hildebrandt product line includes many spinnerbaits made from molded bismuth or tin.

**Your Bobbers Down** |

<http://www.yourbobbersdown.com/>

Michigan manufacturer produces quality tungsten fishing jigs

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