## Hot Button: Let's Get the LEAD OUT

Let's Get the Lead Out is a program to save Loons and other wildlife from death by lead poisoning whereby fishermen and fisherwomen voluntarily replace their lead fishing tackle with lead-free tackle products



OLLA has joined in support of the Wolfe Lake Association's (WLA) initiative to encourage fishers to switch from lead tackle to lead-free tackle through the Let's Get the Lead Out campaign which includes a Lead Fishing Tackle Buy Back Program. WLA received the Federation of Ontario Cottagers' Association's 2022 Annual Achievement Award in recognition of this program.

Lead poisoning from lost lead tackle is a leading cause of death in adult loons, responsible for as much as 50%

mortality. Lead also threatens eagles and other wild life, our water quality and other natural resources.

Visit <u>http://www.fishleadfree.ca/</u> for more information on the program, where to buy lead-free tackle, turn in lead tackle, as well as see the ongoing prizes that can be won by participating in this program. Please contact <u>info@otterlake.org</u> if you have any questions.



Our very own OLLA member and Director, Eric Hempell won the Grand Prize of a Shimano Symetre Spinning Rod/Reel Combo and Plano Tackle Box with Lead-free Tackle Assortment donated by Cabela's Ottawa (awarded July 2023)

Grand Prize winner