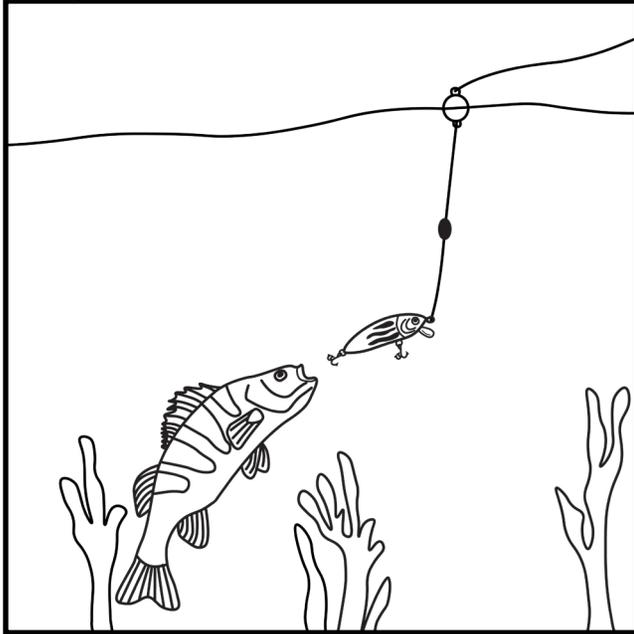
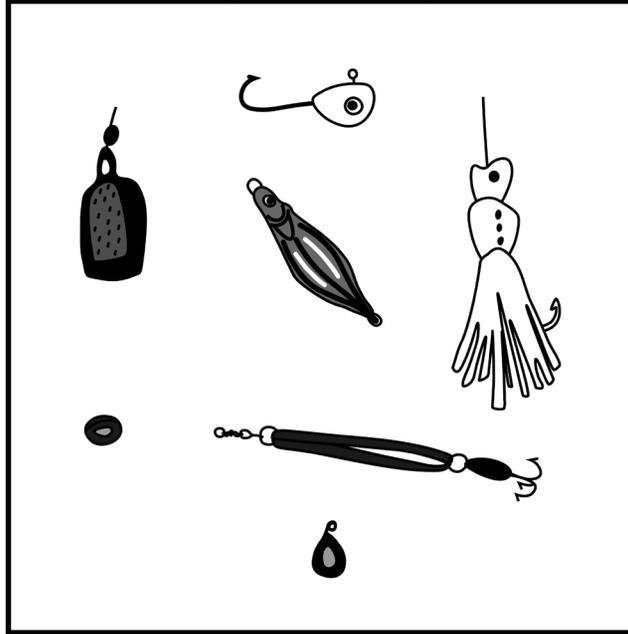


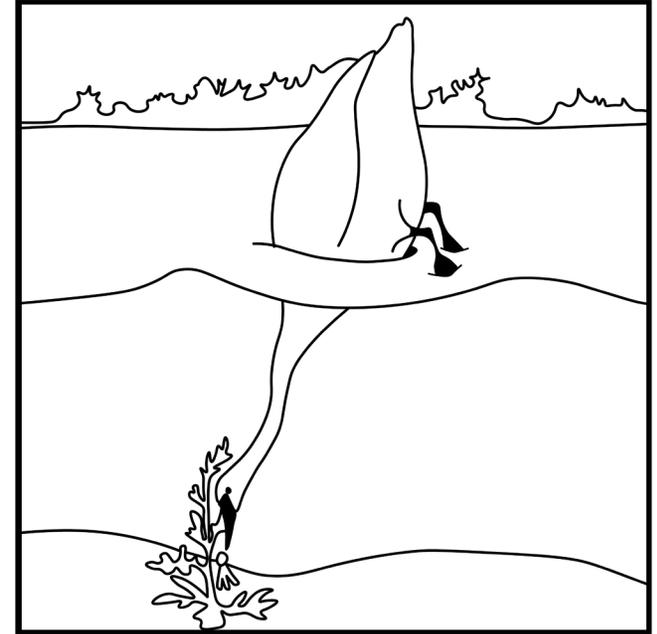
Did you know Lead Tackle is Not Allowed on the Refuge? But Why?



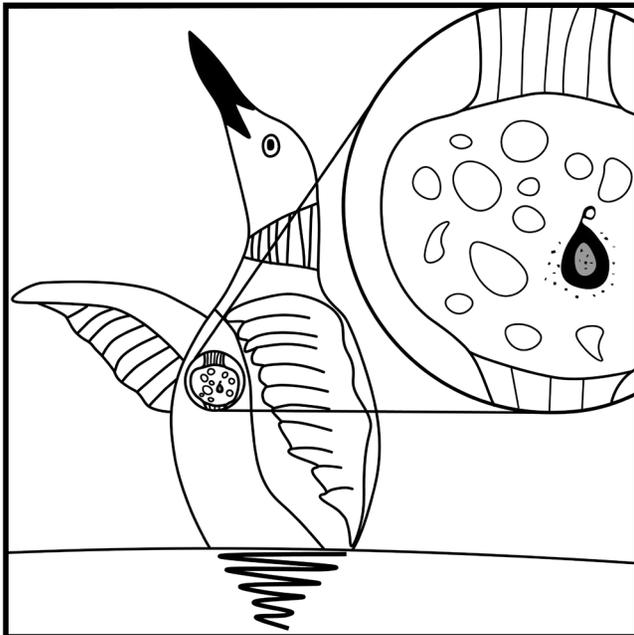
1. An angler uses lead tackle while fishing and loses their tackle or sinker.



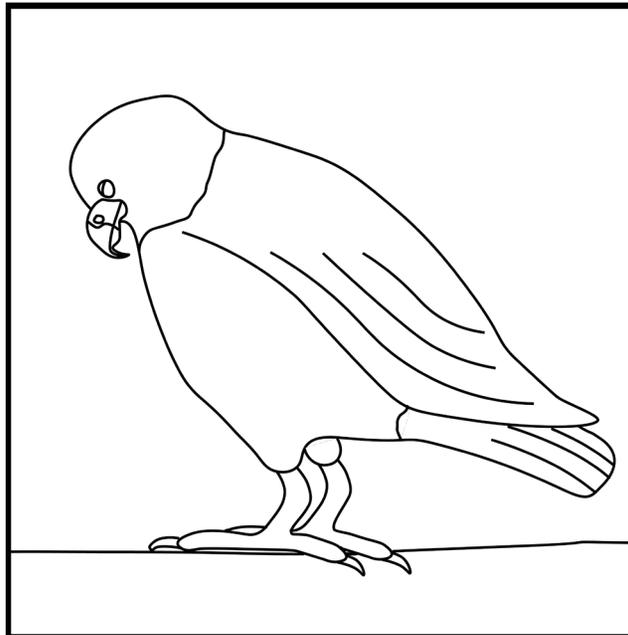
2. A variety of tackle contains lead including sinkers, jigs, etc.



3. Birds don't have teeth and bird species with a gizzard swallow stones to aid in digestion. The gizzard helps them "chew" their food.



4. Sometimes birds swallow lead tackle by mistake. Their stomach acids and gizzards turn lead into toxic lead salts.



5. Over days or weeks a bird will die from lead poisoning.

Did You Know?

- Lead is bad for all types of life including people.
- Birds are hit especially hard because they may pick up a piece of lead thinking it is a rock. Once eaten it will stay in their gizzard getting ground up into tiny pieces increasing the likelihood of poisoning.
- A piece as small as a grain of rice can kill a bald eagle.
- In a study of 3,000 waterbirds lead poisoning was the third leading cause of death.
- A Michigan study showed lead is a significant factor in loon death.

You can Help! Don't Use Lead.

If you fish or hunt choose non-lead options for tackle or bullets.