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### **FEATURE:** FISHERIES MANAGEMENT

## Management Concerns about Known and Potential Impacts of Lead Use in Shooting and in Fishing Activities

ABSTRACT: We present a summary of the technical review, jointly requested by the American Fisheries Society and The Wildlife Society, addressing the hazards to wildlife resulting from lead objects or fragments introduced into aquatic and terrestrial environments from the use of ammunition and fishing tackle. Impacts from lead are well documented in humans, as well as in terrestrial and aquatic organisms. Concern about impacts from lead ammunition and fishing tackle has resulted in the development of non-lead alternatives, educational campaigns, and regulations to restrict their use. This article discusses the general biological impacts of lead exposure from fishing and shooting activities to fish, wildlife, and humans; summarizes existing and proposed regulations to reduce lead exposure to biota; reviews alternatives to lead materials that are currently available for fishing; and outlines options for further actions to reduce wildlife and human exposure to lead from fishing activities.

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# Chris I. Goddard, Previsiones de Manejo Acerca de Impactos Conocidos y Potenciales del Uso de Plomo en Actividades de Caza y Pesca

RESUMEN: Presentamos un resumen de la opinión técnica solicitada por la Sociedad Americana de Pesquerías y la Sociedad para la Vida Silvestre con respecto a los peligros para la vida silvestre que resultan de la introducción de objetos o fragmentos de plomo a los ambientes acuáticos y terrestres, provenientes del uso de municiones y equipos de pesca. El efecto del plomo está bien documentado en humanos, así como también en organismos terrestres y acuáticos. La preocupación acerca de los efectos de la presencia de plomo proveniente de municiones y equipos de pesca ha resultado en el desarrollo de diseños alternativos libres de plomo, campañas educativas y regulaciones para restringir su uso. En este artículo se discuten los impactos biológicos generales en peces, vida silvestre y humanos de la exposición al plomo derivado de la caza y pesca; se hace un resumen de las regulaciones tendientes a reducir la exposición de la biota al plomo; se hace una revisión de los materiales alternativos al plomo disponibles para las actividades de pesca, y se proponen posteriores acciones tendientes a reducir la exposición humana y de la vida silvestre al plomo producido por las actividades de pesca.

#### INTRODUCTION

Lead (Pb), being one of the easiest metals to mine and smelt (Pattee and Pain 2003), has been extracted and used by societies for numerous purposes at least as far back in time as the Roman Empire (Hernberg 2000). Lead can be introduced into the environment from multiple sources including surface runoff; atmospheric deposition associated with the burning of coal,

oil, and waste; release of contaminated tailings from mining and smelting activities; the application of products containing lead; and through the loss of lead objects, such as lead shot and fishing weights (IPCS 1989; Henny et al. 1994; Scheuhammer and Norris 1995).

Lead is a nonessential heavy metal with no known beneficial role in biological systems. The adverse effects of lead on human health have long been recognized. Exposure of humans to lead is known to adversely affect hematopoiesis, the central and peripheral nervous systems, the renal system, cardiovascular system, and can result in brain dysfunction, neuropathy, altered amino acid transport, anemia, impaired fetal development, and reduced survival (Nordic Council of Ministers 2003; Khan 2005). Some studies have associated elevated bone or blood lead levels with aggression, delinquent behavior (Needleman 2004), and attention deficit hyperactivity disorder (Braun et al. 2006). Although the adverse effects of lead on human health have long been recognized, the exposure of fish, wildlife, and humans to lead continues (Hernberg 2000).

In comparison to the long-standing recognition of the effects of lead poisoning in humans, the hazard of lead ammunition and fishing sinkers to wildlife has only recently been acknowledged (Pattee and Pain 2003). In this article we present a summary of the technical review that was jointly requested by the American Fisheries Society and The Wildlife Society (Rattner et al. 2008). Specifically, we review briefly the effects of lead introduced by fishing and shooting activities to living organisms, discuss regulations and alternatives to lead to reduce exposure, and suggest possible actions that may further minimize lead introductions into the environment from fishing.

#### DISSOLUTION OF LEAD FROM SPENT AMMUNITION AND FISHING TACKLE

Spent lead ammunition and lost lead fishing tackle are not readily dissolved in aquatic and terrestrial systems and, depending on environmental conditions, can be relatively stable and remain intact for decades to centuries (SAAMI 1996). Lead from spent ammunition and tackle can undergo weathering and lead salts can dissociate, form stable complexes (carbonates, hydrides, chlorides), precipitate (phosphates, sulfides, carbonates, hydroxides), become bound to soil and sediments, and thus exist in many forms with varying degrees of bioavailability. Uptake of lead by plants is relatively limited, although several studies have documented elevated lead concentrations in plants in the vicinity of shooting ranges (Rooney et al. 1999; Hui 2002; Cao et al. 2003; also reviewed in Rattner et al. 2008). Weathering and dissolution of elemental lead is influenced by water chemistry, mechanical disturbance (e.g., water flow rate), grain size of soils and sediments, gaseous aerobic conditions, and acidity and alkalinity. Under some conditions (e.g., soft acidic waters, mechanical disturbance), lead can be released from artifacts, although annual corrosion rates of lead are generally low (Jacks and Bystrom 1995). Due to the possible dissolution of lead ammunition and fishing tackle, we review briefly the findings from studies examining the effects of bioavailable lead on living organisms, including fish, amphibians, reptiles, birds, mammals, and humans.

In field and laboratory studies, lead is generally found to evoke its toxicity in multiple organ systems. Perhaps best known are inhibition of heme-synthesis enzymes, lead-induced anemia, central and peripheral neuropathy, nephrotoxicity, hypertension, and alteration to endocrine and reproductive function. Lead is also known to be a carcinogen for some animals (Needleman 2004). Numerous studies have examined the effects of lead on fish. It is well known that bioavailable lead principally accumulates in the gills, liver, kidney, and bone; can evoke morphological lesions (e.g., erosion of caudal fin, spinal deformities); alters physiological function (e.g., enzyme inhibition, anemia, decreased survival); and impairs avoidance behavior (IPCS 1989). The report compiled by International Programme on Chemical Safety (IPCS 1989) also summarized studies on effects of lead on amphibians, which include arrested development and delayed hatching. Similarly, while their review was not focused solely on lead sources linked directly to hunting and fishing activities, Patte and Pain (2003) considered the literature about lead in the environment and identified many existing studies pertinent to this focus on lead exposures. For example, studies in the Coeur d'Alene floodplain, which is heavily contaminated by heavy metals such as arsenic, lead, and zinc from mining and smelting activities, have also detected negative effects from the accidental ingestion of lead-contaminated food or the accidental ingestion of lead associated with sediments in osprey (Pandion haliaetus), raptors, songbirds, and tundra swan (Cygnus columbianus; Henny 2003). These negative effects included inhibition of delta-aminolevulinic acid dehydratase involved in heme synthesis, elevated lead levels in blood and tissues, and weight loss. In addition, waterfowl die-offs have been reported from this area since the early 1900s. Humans exposed to lead have experienced similar negative effects to those described for fish and wildlife.

Due to their intended scope, the aforementioned studies do not investigate the effects of bioavailable lead from spent ammunition or from lost fishing tackle. Lead objects can dissolve under certain conditions, thereby contaminating soil, sediment, and vegetation, and resulting in exposure of biota via ingestion of soil, sediment, food, and water. Nevertheless, for bioavailable lead arising from ammunition and fishing tackle to have significant effects on biota at the organism- or population-level, the quantity of shot or tackle lost within a given area would have to be substantial.

# LEAD EXPOSURE RELATED TO SHOOTING ACTIVITIES

The effects of spent lead shot and bullets on American wildlife has been recognized since the 1870s (Sanderson and Bellrose 1986), but it wasn't until the 1959 publication by Bellrose, "Lead poisoning as a mortality factor in waterfowl populations," that the widespread hazard of spent lead shot was fully appreciated. The availability of spent lead in a terrestrial setting is a function of the depth these particulates are located in soil or sediment. Several investigations have demonstrated that shot accumulates in most sediment near the surface and, thus, the total number of shot available can increase in density and availability over time (Pain 1992). In an aquatic setting, spent lead shot availability is affected by water depth and the depth that the shot is buried within the sediment. With the popularity of sport shooting (target, trap, and skeet shooting) and firearms training in the United States and elsewhere, an estimated 72,600,000 kg per year of lead is deposited at 9,000 shooting ranges (USEPA 2001). The amount of lead shot deposited in waterfowl hunting areas has been estimated to range from 125,970 to 5,000,000 shot per hectare (Bellrose 1959; Pain 1992, respectively). It is generally accepted that shot density in a field or wetland is directly related to hunting or shooting intensity.

Documentation of fish ingesting spent lead bullets or shot was not found. Also, evidence was not found that ingestion of lead shot and lead bullets by amphibians or reptiles is a widespread problem, and there is limited information documenting the incidence of lead shot, bullets, fragments, or fishing sinkers in the digestive system of these vertebrates. Lance et al. (2006) reported reproductive failure in captive American alligator (Alligator mississippiensis) that was potentially associated with lead exposure. These alligators were fed wild nutria (Myocastor coypus) meat contaminated with lead shot, and the alligators' eggs' yolk had a high lead concentration (Lance et al. 2006). Ingestion of lead shot was also observed in other farmed American alligators (Camus et al. 1998) and Australian crocodiles (Crocodylus porosus; Hammerton et al. 2003). In general, studies with sites in close proximity to shooting ranges have found elevated concentrations of lead in the tissues of amphibians and reptiles, which is thought to be due to ingestion of lead with water and food items (Pattee and Pain 2003).

Birds can ingest spent bullets, shot, or their fragments. Ingestion most likely occurs due to the bird mistaking these lead artifacts for food or grit material (Sanderson and Bellrose 1986; Scheuhammer and Norris 1995). Waterfowl have been documented to die from ingesting lead shotgun pellets deposited on the bottom of lakes, in marshes, and in fields. Often cited reviews addressing the effects of ingested shot on waterfowl include Bellrose (1959) and Sanderson and Bellrose (1986). Waterfowl may succumb after ingesting one or more lead pellets, as their bodies waste away over a period of several weeks-losing from 30 to 50% of their normal weight. Less frequently, a large number of shot are ingested, resulting in an acute form of lead poisoning, and the bird dies even though it still has a normal weight. In addition, the risk of spent shot to other upland species, including dove and quail, has long been recognized (Kendall et al. 1996). Raptors and other avian predators, as well as scavengers, may be exposed to lead from the consumption of shot pellets and bullet fragments embedded in tissues of dead or wounded animals (Pattee and Pain 2003) or from tissues discarded in gut piles (Fisher et al. 2006). For instance, vultures and condors appear highly susceptible to toxicity from ingesting small quantities of lead shot or bullets, as they are unable to regurgitate pellets from their gastrointestinal tracts (Eisler 1988). The presence of lead in California condor (Gymnogyps californianus) habitats in California and Arizona, in conjunction with their extreme sensitivity to lead toxicity, has been suggested as the primary threat to the continued existence of the species (Pattee et al. 1990; Meretsky et al. 2000). Recent evidence indicates that lead ammunition embedded in carcasses of hunted game and mammalian predators (coyotes, Canis latrans) or gut piles are the main sources of the lead accumulated by California condors (Church et al. 2006).

Ingestion of lead shot and bullets by humans, or the associated dust when casting ammunition has received considerable attention (reviewed by CPSB 2002). There are numerous case reports of accidental or purposeful (pica) ingestion of lead shot by humans in the medical literature (Gustavsson and Gerhardsson 2005). Ingestion of lead shot and bullets can cause lead intoxication, and depending on number and mass of fragments, lead lodged in certain but not all tissues can result in toxicity (Khan 2005). Accidental ingestion of ammunition by children has been documented (Durback et al. 1989). Furthermore, many sportsmen reloading rifle and pistol ammunition cast their own lead bullets, an activity particularly popular with black powder shooters, which exposes them to lead (Anonymous 2006).

The hazard that ingestion of lead pellets and bullets might pose to higher vertebrates is acknowledged, and in some instances already vulnerable populations (e.g., California condor) may become further at risk.

# FISHING ACTIVITIES AND LEAD

Lead in the form of fishing lures, sinkers, lead core fishing line, downrigger cannonballs, and weights on a wide variety of fishing traps and nets can be introduced into the aquatic environment when a commercial fisher or recreational angler loses fishing gear due to accidental or intentional breakage. The amount of lead fishing tackle lost in the aquatic environment through recreational and commercial fishing activity is not accurately known. In studies based on angler interviews and actual detection of lost tackle along shorelines, the reported amount of lead fishing tackle lost varies, depending on the intensity of fishing pressure, the location of angling activity such as distance from the shoreline or boat, the type of aquatic habitat that may increase gear breakage and loss, and angler skill. Based on interviews, Radomski et al. (2006) reported average loss rates of 0.0127 lures per hour, 0.0081 large sinkers per hour, 0.0057 split shot sinkers per hour, 0.0247 jigs per hour, and 0.0257 hooks per hour; while Duerr (1999), assessing the amount of lead fishing tackle lost and detected along shorelines, estimated that there was from 0.0 to 0.01 sinkers per square meter in areas of low angling pressure and 0.47 sinkers per square meter in areas of high angling pressure. Some reports suggest that loss of lead fishing tackle in the aquatic environment can be substantial (e.g., Scheuhammer and Norris 1995).

Fish most frequently ingest, partially or wholly, fishing tackle when hooked. Whether the fishing tackle remains in the fish depends on whether the angler successfully lands the fish and whether the hook is too deeply ingested to safely remove it from the fish. The abandonment of fish hooks and associated fishing tackle may arise due to an angler breaking the line with a fish on, or leaving deeply set hooks in the fish to reduce injury (Cooke et al. 2001). Most reported mortality associated with fishing tackle is not related to the fish being exposed to the lead material used in the fishing tackle, but rather due to the extent of injury, blood loss, exposure to air, and exhaustion during handling to remove the hook (Cooke et al. 2001). Studies that related lead exposure from ingested lead sinkers and jigs or other tackle to the mortality of fish were not found. Nevertheless, given that it is commonly accepted that hooks and leaded jigs embedded in the mouths of fish will work their way loose. the effects of the lead from embedded fishing hooks and jigs would be minimal, in comparison to the potential sub-lethal and lethal injuries that may occur from swallowed hooks.

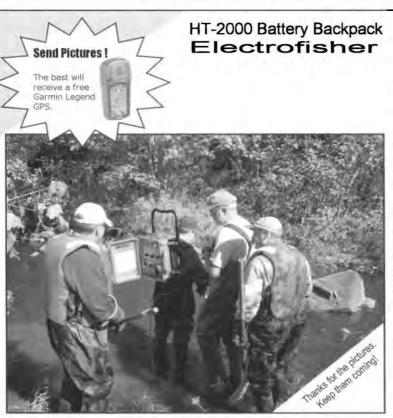
Evidence was not found that ingestion of lead fishing tackle by amphibians or reptiles is a widespread problem. There are published and unpublished accounts, however, of turtles suffering from lead poisoning after ingesting lead fishing weights (Borkowski 1997).

Concern about lead poisoning in birds from anglers' lead weights emerged as a significant issue during the 1970s as mute swan (Cygnus olor) populations declined

in Britain (Sears 1988). This eventually resulted in the banning of most lead fishing sinkers in the United Kingdom in 1986 (Pattee and Pain 2003). In North America, the hazard of fishing sinkers and tackle to common loons (Gavia immer) was subsequently reported (Franson and Cliplef 1992; Pokras and Chafel 1992; Stone and Okoniewski 2001). Necropsy of common loons examined in New England found that lead poisoning from ingested fishing sinkers accounted for about one-half of the mortality in dead and moribund adults found during the breeding season (Pokras and Chafel 1992; Sidor et al. 2003). Birds most frequently ingest fishing tackle that has been lost or abandoned by anglers along the banks or within water-bodies. In their review, Scheuhammer and Norris (1995) stated that birds generally ingest lead fishing weights that are less than 57 grams (2 ounces), although ingestion of larger sinkers has been documented in the common loon (Franson et al. 2003). Thus, the harm from fishing weights to waterbirds seems to primarily involve smaller lead fishing weights used by recreational anglers (Scheuhammer and Norris 1995) and not larger weights or downrigger cannonballs. Based on the recovery of fishing weights associated with other fishing tackle (i.e., swivels and hooks), some birds such as the common loon may be ingesting lead fishing weights as a byproduct of ingesting the bait attached to the fishing tackle (Franson and Cliplef 1992; Stone and Okoniewski 2001). Once ingested by a bird, the lead object, if retained within the gizzard, will be ground down and, combined with the effect of the acidic conditions in the digestive tract, result in the lead being released and absorbed into the bird's tissues (IPCS 1989; Scheuhammer and Norris 1995: Nordic Council of Ministers 2003). It has been reported that lead fishing sinkers and jigs have contributed to lead poisoning mortalities in a number of aquatic birds, particularly mute swans, whooper swans (Cygnus cygnus), Canada geese (Branta canadensis), mallards (Anas platyrhynchos), brown pelicans (Pelecanus occidentalis), and common loons (Franson and Cliplef 1992; Pokras and Chafel 1992; Scheuhammer and Norris 1995; Stone and Okoniewski 2001; Franson et al. 2003). If the bird has the lead object embedded subcutaneously or intramuscularly, lead poisoning should not occur as the pH con-

ditions in these tissues do not dissolve lead objects (De Francisco et al. 2003). There is the risk, however, of secondary poisoning by lead fishing weights for waterfowl predators, but studies linking lead poisoning of predators due to ingestion of a lead fishing weight lodged in their prey were not found in the literature.

Ingestion of lead sinkers or the dust associated with their manufacturing has been known to cause harm in humans. In sinker ingestion, the occurrence of lead toxicity depends on the amount of time that the object is retained within the stomach (Fergusson et al. 1997). If the lead object is retained in the stomach long enough for the object to be dissolved by the stomach acid, the lead will be absorbed while it is in the small intestine (Fergusson et al. 1997). Once the lead object is out of the stomach and in the small intestine it poses less of a potential hazard for lead toxicity (Fergusson et al. 1997). The U.S. Environmental Protection Agency (USEPA 1994) estimated that approximately 0.8 to 1.6 million people manufacture lead fishing weights in their homes for either personal use or for sale, representing approximately





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30 to 35% of lead sinkers produced in the United States. Scheuhammer and Norris (1995) speculated that there is likely a similar "cottage industry" in Canada. Thus, the cottage-industry of melting lead and producing lead fishing tackle such as lead sinkers and jigs is a potential source of lead poisoning in humans through lead inhalation (USEPA 2004).

Lead fishing tackle, especially the smaller fishing weights and jigs that can be ingested, may be a source of lead poisoning for some species of waterbirds and can exert sub-lethal and lethal effects in the individual. Although of concern where waterbird populations are low or declining, the ingestion of lead sinkers has not been demonstrated to have wide-spread population-level effects. Nevertheless, the potential hazardous effect of lead on humans and aquatic ecosystem fauna lends support to an ongoing, general effort to reduce lead introduced into the environment by human activities.

# ACTIONS TO REDUCE LEAD EXPOSURE

The desire to limit lead exposure in humans has resulted in several international conventions and treaties, as well as national restrictions to minimize envi-

ronmental release of lead from anthropogenic activities including use of leaded gasoline, lead in paint, lead solder in tin cans for food storage, and lead shotgun pellets (Nordic Council of Ministers 2003). Scheuhammer and Norris (1995) provide a brief overview of restrictions placed by nations that are specific to the use of lead shot. These restrictions range from voluntary use of non-toxic shot for all wetland bird hunting in the United Kingdom, to nationwide restrictions on hunting migratory waterfowl species with lead shot in Canada and the United States, to an outright ban on the use of lead shot for all hunting and target shooting over water and agricultural lands in Denmark. A more recent example of this effort is the passing of the 2007 California Assembly Bill 821 "Ridley-Tree Condor

Preservation Act" that requires the use of non-lead ammunition for hunting big game and coyotes in the range of the California condor in central and southern California (Center for Biological Diversity 2007).

The hazard of ingested lead fishing weights on aquatic and terrestrial fauna and humans has resulted in societal pressure to place restrictions on the sale and use of lead fishing weights. For instance, nations, including Denmark, Canada, Great Britain, and the United States (partially summarized by Nordic Council of Ministers 2003), have begun to apply restrictions on the sale and use of lead fishing sinkers and jigs. In Canada the use of lead sinkers or jigs weighing less than 50 grams (1.76 ounces) in national parks and national wildlife areas is prohibited (Michael 2006). The use of lead tackle is also banned on some U.S. federal lands that have loon and swan populations (Michael 2006). In 1999, the U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service announced its intent to establish additional lead-free fishing areas by expanding the prohibition on certain fishing sinkers and jigs to more refuges used by loons (USFWS 1999); however, this has yet to be implemented. Some states, consisting of Maine, Massachusetts, New Hampshire, Vermont, and New York have, nonetheless, instituted restrictions on the use or sale of certain lead sinkers and jig heads (Michael 2006).

There are alternatives to lead bullets (e.g., copper; Barnes 2008) and to lead shot available to hunters. Alternatives to lead shot that have been approved for use in hunting waterfowl and coots and that are commercially available include shot made from steel, bismuth-tin, tungstenbronze, tungsten-iron, tungsten-matrix, tungsten-nickel-iron, tungsten-polymer, tungsten-tin-bismuth, and tungsten-tiniron-nickel. Substitutes for lead fishing tackle also have been available in retail stores in Canada, the United States, and European countries for several years (Scheuhammer and Norris 1995; Nordic Council of Ministers 2003). These include tungsten (both plastic composites and putty), stainless steel, carbon steel, tin, tin-bismuth, brass, ceramics, glass, and pewter (Scheuhammer and Norris 1995; Nordic Council of Ministers 2003; MOEA 2006). Sinkers made from alternative materials have been accepted to varying degrees, depending on their cost and how similar they are to lead tackle. Several of these alternatives such as ceramics and tin are not as dense as lead and, hence, need to be larger to produce the same weight (see Figure 1). Many

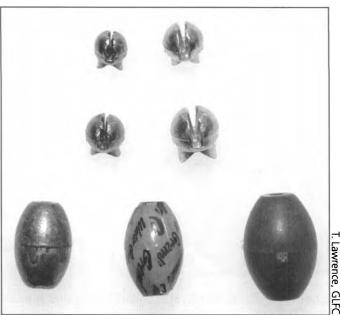
anglers believe this increase in size is detrimental when inducing fish to bite. Other alternatives such as brass and steel, while somewhat larger in size, have been advertised as making more noise as they bump over the bottom, which is claimed to serve as an attractant to fish.

It needs to be stated, however, that a transition to alternative materials for sinkers provides significant challenges to the tackle manufacturing industry in terms of increased cost, availability of raw materials, and increased manufacturing costs, as well as the increased cost to anglers. The high cost of alternative raw materials may make the transition to non-lead sinkers more problematic now than several years ago. For example, tin is perhaps the most viable alternative for split shot sinkers and the manufacturing costs are

**Figure 1.** Relative sizes of sinkers manufactured from different materials. Top row: 0.1 oz lead and tin split shot.

Middle row: 0.2 oz lead and tin split shot.

Bottom row: 0.8 oz lead, bismuth, and plastic-iron composite egg sinkers. Sinkers courtesy of Water Gremlin.



similar to lead. The December 2007 price differential for the raw materials, however, is approximately \$7.42 per pound for tin versus \$1.15 for lead (MetalPrices. com 2007). As the specific gravity of tin is 7.2 versus 11.3 for lead, more tin is required to provide the same weight. Tin, therefore, is not only more costly, but also has performance drawbacks. Bismuth and tungsten currently cost \$15/lb and \$20/lb respectively. Moreover, tungsten is becoming essentially unavailable and has a high manufacturing cost. Brass may prove to be a less desirable alternative, because brass contains approximately 9% lead, as well as some zinc which could be problematic. Sintered steel, an alternative for non-split shot sinkers, has a specific gravity of less than 7 and it tends to rust in the tackle box. Although a variety of alternatives to lead sinkers have been proposed and investigated by the manufacturers of fishing tackle, it is not clear which alternatives will provide reasonable performance at reasonable cost.

As part of the effort to reduce the use of lead in fishing activities, some U.S. states, Environment Canada, and some U.S. and Canadian organizations

are offering small-scale programs that exchange non-lead tackle for an angler's lead tackle (MOEA 2006). Educational campaigns also introduce anglers to non-lead substitutes and alert anglers to the toxicity of lead in the aquatic environment, with the aim of increasing angler use of non-toxic alternatives.

#### SUMMARY

The effects of ingested lead shot and bullets used in hunting and shooting sports activities are well documented. Principally, these include lead toxicosis and mortality of waterfowl and their predators (Pattee and Pain 2003). These impacts have resulted in restrictions on the use of lead shot and bullets, and subsequently regulations mandating the use of various non-toxic shot for species with habitats that coincide with waterfowl and condors. Studies assessing sublethal and lethal effects from lead shot ingestion among other wildlife, such as upland birds, are being conducted and discussions regarding the implications of lead toxicosis are ongoing among managers and policy makers (e.g. Association of Fish and Wildlife Agencies' Nontoxic Ammunition Task Force and its Ad Hoc Mourning Dove and Lead Toxicosis Working Group).

Fishing tackle, especially weights that fall within the size usually ingested by fauna (e.g., less than 2.5 cm, 0.98 inches) and weighing less than 50 g (1.76 ounces; Scheuhammer and Norris 1995), can have lethal and sub-lethal effects on aquatic fauna and on humans when ingested. Downrigger weights (cannonballs), lead core fishing line, and the weights used on a variety of commercial traps and nets are much larger than fishing sinkers and smaller jigs that have been ingested by fauna in aquatic ecosystem and by humans. Therefore, one would predict that the effect normally associated with ingestion of lead fishing tackle is minimal for downrigger cannonballs, lead core fishing line, and the weights affixed to commercial fishing gear. Some studies have examined the dissolution of lead from fishing tackle, although these are few and not conclusive. More research needs to be conducted to determine the potential effect on fauna of the dissolution of all types of lead fishing tackle in



low and high deposition densities and varying water chemistry conditions.

#### RECOMMENDATIONS

As stewards of North America's aquatic ecosystems, fisheries management agencies, anglers, angling clubs, and commercial fishers, as well as manufacturers and retailers of fishing tackle, work actively and often collectively for the protection and conservation of North America's aquatic ecosystems. A tenet of this stewardship is minimizing the introduction of toxic materials, such as lead, to levels that have been shown to be non-hazardous, while recognizing that complete elimination may be neither feasible nor necessary. Detrimental effects at the population level of bird species that ingest lead sinkers have not been documented in North America, but impacts at the population level should not be a prerequisite for corrective action. Current knowledge indicates that small lead (and other toxic) sinkers (< 2.5 cm), in particular, are most likely to be ingested by waterbirds. Several options exist for the American Fisheries Society (AFS), perhaps through a small task group, to develop a position statement (white paper) based on the scientific data on the hazard and risk of lead from lost commercial and recreational fishing tackle.

- 1. The AFS could work with the provincial, state, and federal fisheries management agencies, in addition to the angling clubs, tackle manufacturers, and tackle retailers to educate anglers and commercial fishers about the availability and utility of non-toxic alternatives to lead weights and the environmental benefits of using these alternatives. AFS could also work with the U.S. National Institute of Health and Health Canada to educate anglers about the potential health hazards of casting and manufacturing their own lead sinkers and jigs.
- 2. The AFS Fisheries Management and Fisheries Administration Sections could collaborate to develop a specific Aquatic Resources Conservation Electronic Library (ARCeL) module for use as part of a lead-free education/outreach project, perhaps funded by the Fisheries Conservation Foundation. All of the requisite educational materials

- could be made available for production and distribution by all management agencies, fishing tackle manufacturers, and retailers.
- 3. AFS could partner with and encourage fisheries management agencies to develop lead tackle exchange programs and, in conjunction with this tackle exchange effort, participate in safe collection and disposal programs for lead fishing tackle.
- 4. AFS could work closely with the Association of Fish and Wildlife Agencies (AFWA), fishing tackle manufacturers, the American Sportfishing Association (ASA), and the Canadian Sportfishing Industry Association (CSIA) to encourage and facilitate a transition from the manufacture, distribution, and sale of small lead fishing weights to fishing weights made of non-toxic alternative materials. The development of schedules would facilitate this transition. It is recognized that a number of the recreational and commercial fishing tackle manufacturers have already taken the initiative by entering into the lead-free tackle market, and are well into this transition; however, the shelf space and volume of alternate material weights remains a small percentage of the overall inventory and sale of these small fishing weights
- 5. Consistent with the above negotiated transition schedule for the manufacture and sale of alternatives to lead, the AFS could work with the AFWA, ASA, and CSIA to develop a framework for future phased-in regulations on the sale, use, and possession of lead fishing sinkers while fishing. This framework would provide for requisite consistency in the rules, regulations, and their implementation; would help deliver a strong message to anglers; and would allow manufacturers to more easily develop and market non-lead products.
- 6. The AFS may consider local bans on the use of lead fishing sinkers as an appropriate management tactic in geographical areas of high annual mortality of waterbirds associated with lead poisoning and in heavily protected pristine areas such as national parks and national wildlife refuges.

In conclusion, AFS interacts with many natural resource management agencies, angling organizations, and the fishing tackle industry. AFS, therefore, is in a position to both foster education on the hazards of lead to wildlife and to develop a position statement with the aim of reducing to an absolute minimum the introduction of lead into the aquatic environment from fishing activities.

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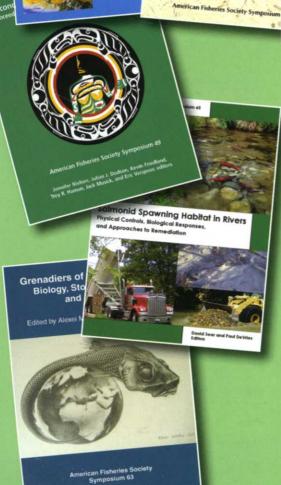
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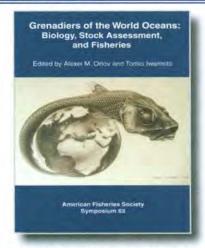
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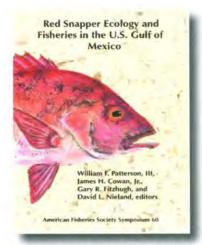


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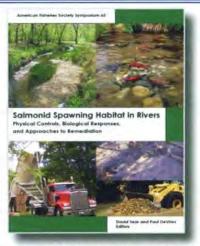


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Red snapper is among the most ecologically and economically important reef fishes in the northern Gulf of Mexico. Fisheries management for the species also happens to be among the most controversial in the U.S. Gulf red snapper has been estimated to be overfished and undergoing overfishing since at least the late 1980s. Management is complicated, however, because the greatest source of mortality for red snapper is believed to come from shrimp trawl bycatch, not the directed fisheries. Despite all efforts to solve the bycatch problem and otherwise recover red snapper, the stock remains significantly overfished. This volume provides the state of knowledge for research on red snapper ecology and fisheries.

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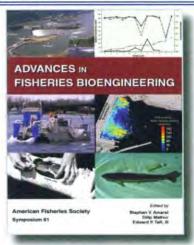
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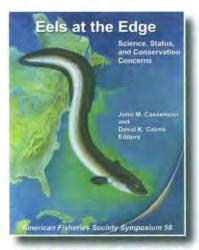
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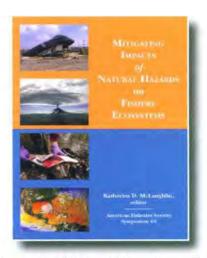
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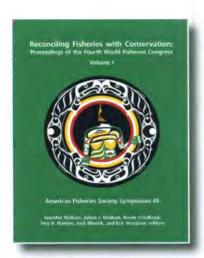


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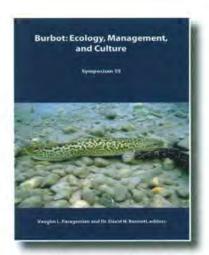


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Jennifer Nielsen, Julian J. Dodson, Kevin Friedland, Troy R. Hamon, Jack Musick. and Eric Verspoor, eds.

Across the globe, in developed and developing countries, the conflict is clear. Economic and social issues involving fish and fisheries are at odds with conservation and sustainability. This book examines key questions covering the range of global fisheries issues in a diversity of aquatic ecosystems:

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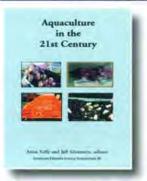


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Among other topics, this volume explores differences in mitochrondrial DNA frequencies of burbot in the Pacific Northwest, how temperature changes due to regulated discharge from a dam and climatic changes may be affecting burbot abundance, the status of burbot in the Great Lakes, burbot culture, and how local government and a Native American tribe intervened to develop a burbot conservation strategy.

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Aquaculture In the 21st Century Anita Kelly and Jeff Silverstein, eds.

Aquaculture in the 21st Century is the second volume in the Manual of Fish Culture series. This volume provides the detail and utility for the culture of aquatic organisms that made the first volume indispensable to culturists. Additionally, historical and background material are provided for each of the 26 species covered, which makes this book useful to those more generally interested in aquaculture and the development of aquaculture. The extent of the material provided makes it not only a valuable reference tool, but also an excellent resource for aquaculture courses.

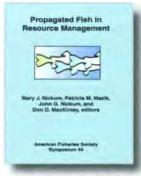
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This book contains the peer-reviewed technical papers presented at a June 2003 symposium examining the effective use of fish culture as a tool for fisheries resource management.

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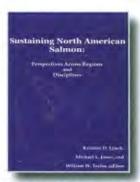
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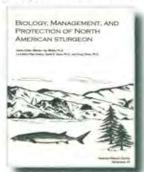


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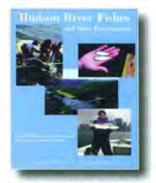


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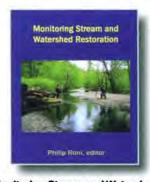
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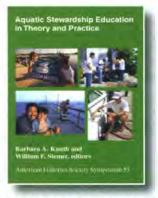
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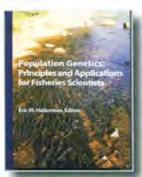
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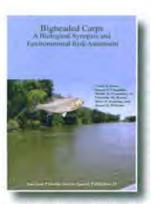
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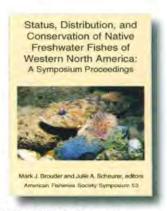
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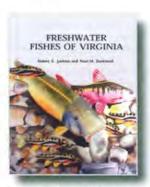


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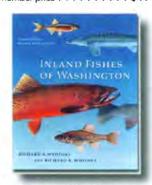
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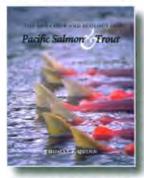


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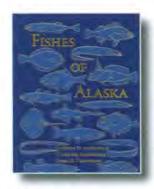
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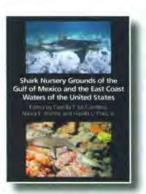
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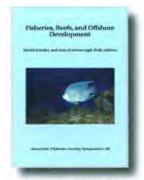
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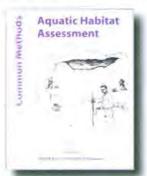


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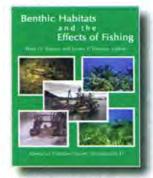
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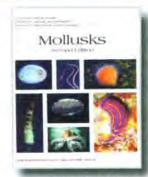
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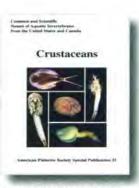
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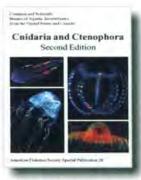


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Robert T. Lackey, Denise H. Lach, and Sally L. Duncan, eds.

Restoring wild salmon to the Pacific Northwest is a daunting challenge. In this innovative book, 36 salmon scientists, resource managers, and policy experts identify realistic options to restore and sustain wild salmon runs in California, Oregon, Washington, Idaho, and southern British Columbia through this century.

The policy prescriptions offered are candid, sometimes uncomfortably radical, and occasionally sobering. Most authors conclude that major, sometimes wholesale modification of core societal values and priorities will have to occur if significant, sustainable populations of wild salmon are to be present in the region through 2100.



#### Fisheries Ecosystem Planning for Chesapeake Bay NOAA Chesapeake Bay Fisheries Ecosystem Advisory Panel

Since European settlement, the Chesapeake Bay's estuarine system has supported major fisheries and the livelihoods of residents. Over recent decades, however, many of the fish and shellfish that supported these fisheries have declined. This work describes the structure and function of the bay's ecosystem, including key habitats and species interactions. Recommendations to implement ecosystem-based approaches to fisheries management for bay resident and coastal species are included, as well as recommendations for research to enhance knowledge of the ecosystem and its fisheries.



#### Partnerships for a Common Purpose: Cooperative Fisheries Research and Management Alesia N. Read and Troy W. Hartley, eds.

Based on a September 2005 Sea Grant-sponsored AFS symposium, this book presents case studies, empirical research, and practical advice on innovative techniques used by cooperative partners working on cooperative fisheries research and/or management programs.

In addition to keynote speakers, the program incorporated panels consisting of an industry representative, a manager, a scientist, and a community participant. This format offered a broad range of perspectives, with panelists and keynote speakers selected for their many years of expertise and first-hand experience.

Participants discussed lessons learned, characteristics of successful programs, and future opportunities.



#### Saving Puget Sound: A Conservation Strategy for the 21st Century

John Lombard

The National Academy of Sciences concluded that the "social structures and institutions" of the Pacific Northwest "have proved incapable of ensuring a long-term future for salmon." This topical book develops a practical proposal to conserve the Puget Sound region's most important ecosystems in the face of longterm population growth, drawing lessons that are relevant across the northwest and other parts of the country. In addition to salmon, Saving Puget Sound considers the rest of the region's natural heritage, including forests, rivers, Puget Sound itself and its shoreline, and distinctive habitats such as the south Puget Sound prairies.

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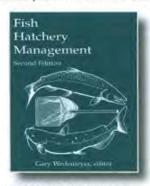
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E. Eric Knudsen, Donald D. MacDonald, and Yvonne Muirhead, eds.

Fisheries throughout North America are faced with serious threats to their sustainability. Some of the key factors challenging fisheries sustainability include human population growth, overfishing, habitat alteration and destruction, water quality impairment,

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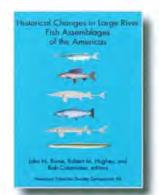
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This second edition expands and updates the original Fish Hatchery Management, the preeminent fish culture manual in North America since 1982, which has been used in universities and USFWS training centers nationwide to train new generations of culturists. The new edition has been completely rewritten by experts to include major advances in hatchery operation, in practical knowledge about raising high-quality fish, and in optimal use of cultured fishes in management programs. This up-to-date volume is greatly needed as a training tool and day-to-day hatchery resource. The new edition covers advances in production, water issues, transportation, stocking, open systems, controlled systems, semi-controlled systems, broodstocks and spawning, nutrition and feeding, fish health, and special considerations. Authors have developed chapters for relevance to both private and public fish culture

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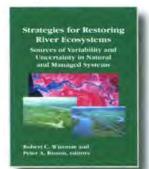


Historical Changes in Large River Fish Assemblages of the Americas John N. Rinne, Robert M. Hughes, and Bob Calamusso, eds.

Dramatic changes have occurred in the functioning of larger rivers because of social values and policies, land use, inchannel causes, and alien species. These changes have resulted in the reduction in range and abundance of many native fish species. This book describes the historical changes observed in the fish assemblages of 27 large rivers in North, Central, and South America. A synthesizing chapter highlights common and distinct patterns among the rivers and their stressors.

The book focuses on entire fish assemblages, including the many species that do not enter fisheries. It will be of interest to both fishery biologists and aquatic ecologists who are concerned with the status and trends in biodiversity and biointegrity. Includes historical information as well as new research and monitoring results, including research on metapopulations, genetics, and life history strategies.

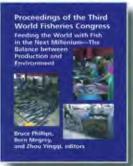
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Fisheries and natural resource managers and policymakers need more efficient procedures for identifying sources of variability in ecosystems (natural and managed) and assessing uncertainties of managing and making decisions for developing and implementing river restoration strategies. This book seeks to integrate perspectives on variability

of physical and biological functions and concepts of uncertainty in natural and managed systems into strategies for renewing and conserving river ecosystems.



Proceedings of the Third World Fisheries Congress: Feeding the World with Fish in the Next Millennium—The Balance between Production and Environment Bruce Phillips, Bernard A. Megrey, and Yingqi Zhou, eds.

Proceedings of the Third World Fisheries Congress, held in Beijing, demonstrating the potentialities and conditions for sustainable and steady development of the world fishing industry. The book presents information on 8 topics: (1) fish farming: past, present, and future; (2) aquafood: advances in seafood technology; (3) contribution of information technology to fisheries sustainability; (4) challenges in coastal zone management; (5) social and economic dimensions of fisheries; (6) can technology minimize the impacts of fisheries production; (7) biodiversity and fisheries production; and (8) paradigm shifts in fisheries management, assessment, and policy.



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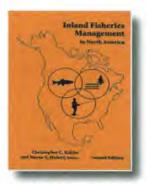
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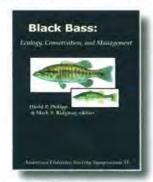
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A valuable and much-needed reference, this book examines the full range of approaches for incorporating uncertainty or variability into fisheries work and ecosystem management. Until now, the dissemination of these methods, and their full range, has been slow and difficult, much to the detriment of management policies. This important book contains a series of new and original case studies with details of the context, purpose, methods, and results of each theoretical application. This practical information will enable readers to compare approaches and determine which one is most appropriate for their individual work.



#### Inland Fisheries Management In North America, Second Edition Christopher C. Kohler and Wayne A. Hubert, eds.

This revised edition updates a major college text and professional reference book. Authored by 42 eminent educators and fisheries managers, it reflects the rapid changes in managing inland fisheries since the first edition, especially in applying ecosystem approaches and adopting larger spatial scales for management. The book covers fishery assessments, habitat and community manipulations, and the common practices for managing stream, river, lake, and anadromous fisheries. Chapters on history; ecosystem management; management processes; communications with the public; introduced, undesirable, and endangered species; and the legal and regulatory frameworks provide the full context for modern fisheries management.



#### Black Bass: Ecology, Conservation, and Management David P. Philipp and Mark S. Ridgway, eds.

This book summarizes the proceedings of the symposium Black Bass 2000: Ecology, Conservation, and Management of Black Bass in North America held at the AFS Annual Meeting in St. Louis. The symposium was the largest gathering to date of fisheries science and management professionals with responsibility for black bass fisheries. The book represents the majority of contributions made by keynote, invited, and regular session presenters covering the areas of ecology, conservation, and management. Issues such as population regulation and recruitment, conservation genetics and

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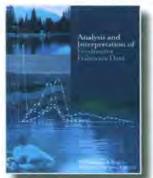


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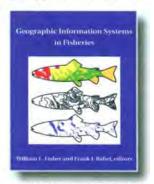


#### Analysis and Interpretation of Freshwater Fisheries Data Christopher Guy and Michael Brown, eds.

This long-awaited text is an excellent companion to AFS's Fisheries Techniques because it provides a frame of reference for appropriate sample design, analysis, and interpretation of freshwater fisheries data. The chapters are organized by fish and fisheries data types, including recruitment, mortality, biotelemetry, habitat, and predator-prey interactions, within major topic areas, such as population dynamics, fish biology, and community assessment.

Chapters contain subsections describing the data type(s), indices, appropriate and alternative statistical approaches, applications, summary, and references. Statistical tests are nestled within chapters to allow the reader to connect analyses to data types. Box examples allow the reader to easily follow the analysis method. The companion CD contains example data sets and programs so the reader can run the analyses, as outlined in the box examples.

The book is appropriate for advanced undergraduate and graduate students and is a practical resource for fisheries professionals. Includes a subject index and glossary.



#### Geographic Information Systems in Fisheries

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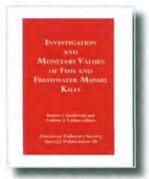
Geographic Information Systems (GIS) have an increasing number of significant applications in fisheries and aquatic science research and management. Yet, until now, little has been written on the subject. This new book is the first to concentrate on the unique challenges of using GIS to map and model fisheries and fish populations in aquatic environments. It is the first book of its kind that provides examples of GIS applications for all components of a fishery (i.e., organisms, habitats, and people), in both freshwater and marine environments. This important tool will serve as a reference for both fisheries and aquatic science students and professionals.



# Fisheries Techniques, Second Edition

Brian R. Murphy and David W. Willis, eds.

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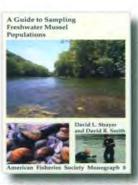
#### Investigation and Monetary Values of Fish and Freshwater Mussel Kilis

Robert S. Southwick and Andrew J. Loftus, eds.

This book is an update and expansion of the widely accepted monetary values of fish that have been published by AFS since 1975 (last updated in 1992 as Special Publication 24). This publication has been adopted as the legal basis for restitution or fines in more than half the states and has been upheld in numerous legal challenges. In this current version, freshwater mussels are included for the first time. The publication contains comprehensive methods for assessing fish kills and freshwater mussel kill events and for assessing restitution based on replacement cost for organisms lost in the kill. Tables containing updated replacement cost values for most major fish species that are cultured and for all freshwater mussel species in the U.S. are included. This book is a must for anyone involved with fish or freshwater mussel kills, propagation, and water pollution policy.

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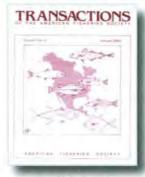
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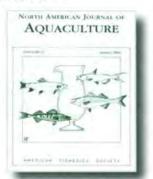
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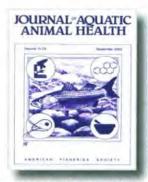


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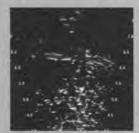
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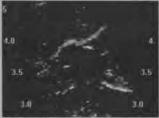


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