



# ATTENTION ANGLERS

**You can help waterbirds and other wildlife by using non-lead fishing tackle.**

- **Lead fishing tackle can be harmful to wildlife. Waterbirds can die from lead poisoning when they ingest lead fishing sinkers that are mistaken for food or grit.**
- **Beginning in May 2004, the sale of lead sinkers weighing 0.5 ounces or less will be banned in New York State.**



**Non-lead sinkers work well and are not harmful to you or wildlife. So, please use non-lead alternatives such as steel, tin, bismuth, ceramic or plastic, and properly dispose of old lead sinkers.**