



Reporting a Problem

Reporting problems with common loons in Maine is important. It provides vital information about causes of death or other issues that is being monitored by various organizations through the State. In addition, it provides information which can be used to better target efforts at reducing risks to loons.

The following document describes how to document an issue which you may encounter.

A Sick or Injured Loon - The following agency and organizations can provide assistance:

- The [Warden Service at the Department of Inland Fisheries and Wildlife](#): (207)287-8000.
- [Avian Haven](#): (207)382-6761. This is an excellent bird rehabilitation facility that can answer questions and provide guidance on what to do.
- [Biodiversity Research Institute](#): (207)839-7600 - This group may be able to assist if it is an area of the State they serve.

A Dead Loon - If you discover a dead loon contact:

- [Biodiversity Research Institute](#) at (207) 839-7600.
- [Department of Inland Fisheries and Wildlife](#) at (207)287-8000.

A Loon Egg - Contact Maine Audubon at conserve@maineaudubon.org.

Loon Harassment & Boat Wake Violations: There is a no wake zone within 200 feet of shore or islands in order to protect wildlife and prevent erosion. If you see behavior that endangers nesting loons or loons on the water you can report to the [Department of Inland Fisheries and Wildlife](#): (207)287-8000.

Important Details for Injured or Dead Loons or Abandoned Eggs:

- Please take photos of the loon (or egg), note the location, whether the loon has bands on its legs, and if there are any other clues as to what caused the injury, death, or egg abandonment.
- Do not attempt to touch or collect the dead loon.
- Do not collect loon eggs. Egg collection is not allowed or permitted under state law.

Documentation of Loon Harassment & Boat Wake Violations:

- Provide a description of the event, boat identifying characteristics, and outcome.
- Record a video of the incident from a safe distance if possible.