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## Commonwealth of Pennsylvania Public Health Advisory Fish Consumption

### HEALTH BENEFITS OF EATING FISH

Fish are nutritious and good to eat. Fish are low in fat, high in protein and provide substantial human health benefits. Fish provide valuable vitamins and minerals and beneficial oils that are low in saturated fat. Omega-3 fatty acids found in fish are also beneficial, particularly in terms of cardiovascular health. The United States Food and Drug Administration (FDA) recommends that consumers eat a balanced diet, choosing a variety of foods including fruits and vegetables, foods that are low in trans fat and saturated fat, as well as foods rich in high fiber grains and nutrients. A diet that includes a variety of fish and shellfish can be an important part of a balanced healthy diet. The United States FDA, EPA, the American Heart Association and other nutrition experts recommend eating two meals (12 oz.) of fish per week. By following these advisories, you should feel comfortable making one of those meals (up to 8 oz.) a recreationally caught Pennsylvania sport fish.

### CONTAMINANTS IN FISH

While most recreationally caught sport fish in Pennsylvania are safe to eat, chemicals, such as mercury and PCBs, have been found in some fish from certain waters. While the levels of unavoidable chemical contaminants are usually low, there can be potential health concerns to pregnant and breast-feeding women, women of childbearing age, children, and individuals whose diet consists of a high percentage of fish.

Long lasting contaminants, such as PCBs, chlordane, and mercury, build up in your body over time. It may take months or years of regularly eating contaminated fish to build up amounts that are a health concern. Health problems that may result from the contaminants found in fish range from small changes in health that are hard to detect to birth defects and cancer. Mothers who eat highly contaminated fish for many years before becoming pregnant may have children who are slower to develop and learn. The meal advice in this advisory is intended to protect children from these potential developmental problems. Adults are less likely to have health problems at the low levels that affect children. If you follow this advisory over your lifetime, you will minimize your exposure and reduce health risks associated with contaminants in fish.

### INTRODUCTION TO FISH CONSUMPTION ADVISORIES

We are not recommending that you stop eating sport caught fish, except where "Do Not Eat" is shown. When properly prepared, eating fish regularly offers important health benefits as a good choice to replace high fat foods. You will gain benefits if you follow the sport fish consumption advisory carefully to: choose safer places to fish, pick safer species to eat, trim and cook your catch correctly, and follow the recommended meal frequencies. Using this advice, you will reduce your exposure to possible contaminants.

Consumption advisories provide guidance to individuals or segments of the population who are at greater risk from exposure to contaminants in fish. Advisories are not regulatory standards but recommendations intended to provide additional information to high-risk groups. These advisories apply only to recreationally caught sport fish in Pennsylvania, not commercial fish. The FDA establishes the legal standards for contaminants in food sold commercially, including fish.

### STATEWIDE ADVISORY

Pennsylvania has issued a general, statewide health advisory for recreationally caught sport fish: eat no more than one meal (½ pound) per week of sport fish caught in the state's waterways. This general advice was issued to protect against eating large amounts of fish that have not been tested or that may contain unidentified contaminants.

### HOW TO USE THIS ADVISORY

Follow the general, statewide one meal per week advisory to limit your exposure to contaminants. To determine if more protective advice applies to the fish you have caught, find the locations and species of fish you've caught in the tables that follow. Find the meal advice for the fish you've caught. "Do Not Eat" means no one should eat those fish because of high contamination. The other groups are advice for how often to eat a fish meal.

One meal is assumed to be ½ pound of fish (8 oz. before cooking) for a 150-pound person. The meal advice is equally protective for larger people who eat larger meals and smaller people who eat smaller meals.

People who regularly eat sport fish, women of childbearing age and children are particularly susceptible to contaminants that build up over time. If you fall into one of these categories, you should be careful to space fish meals out according to the advisory tables that follow. Your body can get rid of some contaminants over time. Spacing the meals out helps prevent the contaminants from building up to harmful levels in the body. For example, if the fish you eat is in the one meal a month group, wait a month before eating another meal of fish from any restricted category.

Women beyond their childbearing years and men generally face fewer health risks from these contaminants. However, it is recommended that you also follow the advisory to reduce your total exposure to contaminants. For these groups, it is the total number of meals that you eat during the year that becomes important and many of those meals can be eaten during a few months of the year. If most of the fish you eat are from the one meal a month category, you should not exceed 12 meals per year.

Sometimes, anglers catch fish with external growths, sores or other lesions. Such abnormalities generally result from viral or bacterial infections and may occasionally be caused by exposure to certain chemical contaminants. The appearance of viral or bacterial infections in fish may be unsightly, but there is no evidence to suggest that these infections pose a threat to consumers of these fish. Whether or not to eat such fish is a matter of personal choice.

### CLEANING AND COOKING YOUR FISH

PCBs and most other organic contaminants usually build up in a fish's fat deposits and just underneath the skin. By removing the skin and fat before cooking, you can reduce the levels of these chemicals. Mercury, however, collects in the fish's muscle and cannot be reduced by cleaning and cooking methods. To reduce PCBs and other organics:

- Remove all skin.
- Slice off fat belly meat along the bottom of the fish.
- Cut away any fat above the fish's backbone.
- Cut away the V-shaped wedge of fat along the lateral line on each side of the fish.
- Bake or broil trimmed fish on a rack or grill, so some of the remaining fat drips away.
- Discard any drippings. Do not eat them or use them for cooking other foods or in preparing other sauces.

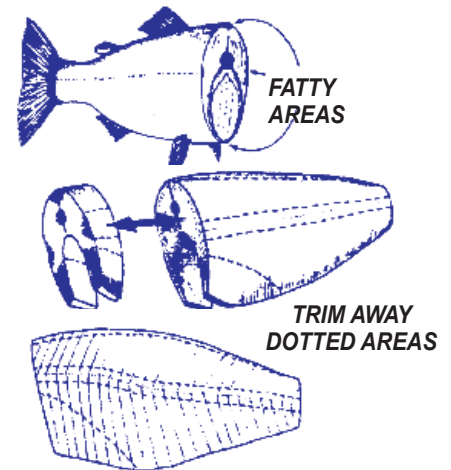
**IMPORTANT:** You must follow these cleaning and cooking directions. The meal advice is for eating skinned and trimmed fish.

Also, remember that larger and older fish tend to collect more contaminants, and fatty fish (such as Channel Catfish, carp and eels) tend to collect PCBs and other organic chemicals. Therefore, eating smaller, younger fish and avoiding fatty species can help limit your exposure. Your exposure depends not only on levels in the fish but the amount of fish you eat. The consumption of any fish from contaminated waters is a matter of personal choice.

### For most recent advisories:



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**Trout stocked from Pennsylvania Fish and Boat Commission state fish hatcheries are subject to the blanket one-meal-per-week consumption advisory that applies to recreationally caught sport fish in Pennsylvania.**

**Snapping Turtle Consumption Advice:** Snapping Turtle meat has been found to contain only small amounts of PCBs and is safe to eat without restrictions. Snapping Turtles do retain PCBs in their fat and internal organs. If you choose to eat Snapping Turtles, you can reduce your exposure by carefully trimming away all fat and internal organs and discarding them before cooking the meat or making soup.

### FOR ADDITIONAL INFORMATION

The advisory listing was current at the time this summary went to press. Fish consumption advisories may have been issued or lifted since that time. Notice of such actions has been released to the public through press releases or can be found online.

For further information or the most current advice, contact:

**Pennsylvania Department of Environmental Protection:** 717-787-9637, [dep.pa.gov](http://dep.pa.gov).

(Questions concerning current advisory listings, waters sampled and sampling methods)

**Pennsylvania Department of Health:** 717-787-3550, [health.pa.gov](http://health.pa.gov).

(Questions about effects of chemicals on human health)  
**Pennsylvania Fish and Boat Commission:** 814-359-5147, [fishandboat.com](http://fishandboat.com).

(Questions about effects of chemicals on fisheries and current advisory listings)

# 2024 COMMONWEALTH OF PENNSYLVANIA FISH CONSUMPTION ADVISORIES

## DELAWARE RIVER BASIN

\* The harvest of live mussels and clams in Pennsylvania is prohibited.

Water Body	Area Under Advisory	Species	Meal Frequency	Contaminant
Belmont Lake (Wayne Co.)	Entire lake	Rock Bass	1 meal/month	Mercury
Beltzville Lake (Beltzville State Park) (Carbon Co.)	Entire lake	Walleye	2 meals/month	Mercury
Brady's Lake (Monroe Co.)	Entire lake	Chain Pickerel	6 meals/year	Mercury
		Yellow Perch	1 meal/month	Mercury
Broadhead Creek (Monroe Co.)	Entire basin	Rock Bass	2 meals/month	Mercury
Bushkill Creek (Monroe and Pike Cos.)	Entire basin	American Eel, All suckers	2 meals/month	Mercury
Chester Creek (Delaware and Chester Cos.)	Confluence of West Branch Chester Ck. to mouth	Channel Catfish, American Eel	2 meals/month	Mercury
Darby Creek (Delaware and Philadelphia Cos.)	Entire basin	Channel Catfish	1 meal/month	PCB
Delaware River	Source to Trenton, NJ-Morrisville, PA bridge	Rock Bass, Walleye over 17"	2 meals/month	Mercury
		Smallmouth Bass	1 meal/month	Mercury
Delaware Estuary, including the tidal portion of all PA tributaries and the Schuylkill River to the Fairmount Dam (Bucks, Philadelphia and Delaware Cos.)	Trenton, NJ-Morrisville, PA Bridge to PA/DE border	White Perch, Flathead Catfish, Channel Catfish	1 meal/month	PCB
		Striped Bass: over 28"	1 meal/month	PCB
		Carp	6 meals/year	PCB
		American Eel	Do Not Eat	PCB
Hickory Lake (Wayne Co.)	Entire lake	Largemouth Bass, Smallmouth Bass	2 meals/month	Mercury
Lake Maskenozha (Pike Co.)	Entire lake	Yellow Perch	2 meals/month	Mercury
Lake Towhee (Bucks Co.)	Entire lake	Largemouth Bass	2 meals/month	Mercury
Lake Wallenpaupack (Pike and Wayne Cos.)	Entire lake	Walleye	1 meal/month	Mercury
Lehigh River (Northampton Co.)	Confluence of Saucon Creek to mouth	Carp, American Eel	1 meal/month	PCB
Little Bushkill Creek (Pike Co.)	Lake Maskenozha to mouth	American Eel	2 meals/month	Mercury
Long Pond (Wayne Co.)	Entire lake	Walleye	1 meal/month	Mercury
Marsh Creek Lake (Chester Co.)	Entire lake	Largemouth Bass	2 meals/month	Mercury
Miller Pond (Wayne Co.)	Entire lake	Chain Pickerel, Largemouth Bass	1 meal/month	Mercury
		Yellow Perch	2 meals/month	Mercury
Neshaminy Creek (Montgomery and Bucks Cos.)	Entire basin	All species	Do Not Eat	PFOS
Pennypack Creek (Montgomery and Philadelphia Cos.)	Entire basin	American Eel	1 meal/month	PCB
Promised Land Lake (Promised Land State Park) (Pike Cos.)	Entire lake	Largemouth Bass	2 meals/month	Mercury
Prompton Reservoir (West Branch Lackawaxen River) (Wayne Co.)	Entire lake	Largemouth Bass	1 meal/month	Mercury
Red Clay Creek (Chester Co.)	Entire basin	Walleye	2 meals/month	Mercury
		All species	3 meals/year	PCB, DDT, Dioxins, Chlorinated-Pesticides
Schuylkill River (Schuylkill Co.)	Confluence of Mill Creek at Port Carbon to Auburn Dam	Trout	1 meal/month	PCB
Schuylkill River (Schuylkill and Berks Cos.)	Confluence of Mahannon Creek at Landingville to Kernsville Dam	Brown Bullhead, All suckers	1 meal/month	PCB
Schuylkill River (Berks Co.)	Kernsville Dam to Maiden Creek	All suckers	1 meal/month	PCB
Schuylkill River (Berks, Chester and Montgomery Cos.)	Confluence of Maiden Creek to Black Rock Dam above Phoenixville	All suckers	1 meal/month	PCB
Schuylkill River (Chester, Montgomery and Philadelphia Cos.)	Black Rock Dam to Fairmount Dam in Philadelphia	Carp, Channel Catfish	6 meals/year	PCB
		Carp, American Eel	Do Not Eat	PCB
		All suckers, Channel Catfish, Flathead Catfish, Corbicula (clam*)	1 meal/month	PCB
Schuylkill River (Berks, Chester, Montgomery and Philadelphia Cos.)	Confluence of Maiden Creek to Fairmount Dam	American Eel	Do Not Eat	PCB
		All suckers	1 meal/month	PCB
Shohola Lake (Pike Co.)	Entire lake	Largemouth Bass	1 meal/month	Mercury
Stairway Pond (Pike Co.)	Entire pond	Largemouth Bass	2 meals/month	Mercury
Tobyhanna Creek (Carbon and Monroe Cos.)	Pocono Lake Dam to mouth	Smallmouth Bass	2 meals/month	Mercury
West Branch Brandywine Creek (Chester Co.)	From business Rt. 30 (Lincoln Highway) in Coatesville to confluence of Buck Run	American Eel	1 meal/month	PCB
West Branch Schuylkill River (Schuylkill Co.)	Entire basin	Brook Trout	1 meal/month	PCB
White Clay Creek (Chester Co.)	Entire basin	American Eel	2 meals/month	Mercury
White Oak Pond Lake (Wayne Co.)	Entire lake	Largemouth Bass	2 meals/month	Mercury

## SUSQUEHANNA RIVER BASIN

Water Body	Area Under Advisory	Species	Meal Frequency	Contaminant
Beechwood Lake (Tioga Co.)	Entire lake	Largemouth Bass	1 meals/month	Mercury
Black Moshannon State Park Lake (Centre Co.)	Entire lake	Chain Pickerel, Largemouth Bass	2 meals/month	Mercury
Bearwallow Pond (Sullivan Co.)	Entire lake	Largemouth Bass, Chain Pickerel	2 meals/month	Mercury
Chemung River (Bradford Co.)	NY/PA border to mouth	Channel Catfish	2 meals/month	Mercury
		Smallmouth Bass	1 meal/month	Mercury
Conestoga River (Lancaster Co.)	Slackwater to mouth	Rock Bass	2 meals/month	Mercury
Cowanessque River and Reservoir (Tioga Co.)	Cowanessque River mouth to PA/NY border	Smallmouth Bass	2 meals/month	Mercury
		Black Crappie, Yellow Perch, Largemouth Bass	1 meal/month	Mercury
Elk Lake (Sullivan Co.)	Entire lake	Largemouth Bass, Chain Pickerel	2 meals/month	Mercury
First Fork Sinnemahoning Creek-George B. Stevenson Dam (Sinnemahoning State Park) (Cameron and Potter Cos.)	Entire lake	Largemouth Bass	2 meals/month	Mercury
First Fork Sinnemahoning Creek (Cameron Co.)	George B. Stevenson Dam to mouth	Smallmouth Bass	2 meals/month	Mercury
Francis Slocum Lake (Luzerne Co.)	Entire lake	Largemouth Bass	2 meals/month	Mercury
Hamilton Lake (Tioga Co.)	Entire lake	Largemouth Bass	2 meals/month	Mercury
Hammond Lake (Tioga Co.)	Entire lake	Largemouth Bass	1 meals/month	Mercury
Hunters Lake (Sullivan Co.)	Entire lake	All species	2 meals/month	Mercury
Jacks Creek (Mifflin Co.)	Paintersville Bridge to mouth	Bluegill, Rock Bass, Fallfish	1 meal/month	PCB
Kettle Creek Lake (Kettle Creek State Park) (Clinton Co.)	Entire lake	Black Crappie, Yellow Perch	2 meals/month	Mercury
		Largemouth Bass	1 meal/month	Mercury
Kettle Creek (Clinton Co.)	Alvin R. Bush Dam to mouth	Smallmouth Bass	2 meals/month	Mercury
Lackawanna Lake (Lackawanna State Park) (Lackawanna Co.)	Entire lake	Largemouth Bass	2 meals/month	Mercury
Lake Jean (UNT Kitchen Creek) (Ricketts Glen State Park) (Sullivan and Luzerne Cos.)	Entire lake	Chain Pickerel, Largemouth Bass	1 meal/month	Mercury
		Yellow Perch	2 meals/month	Mercury
Lake Makoma (Mill Creek) (Sullivan Co.)	Entire lake	Largemouth Bass	2 meals/month	Mercury
Lake Winola (Wyoming Co.)	Entire lake	Largemouth Bass	2 meals/month	Mercury
Laurel Lake (Cumberland Co.)	Entire lake	Largemouth Bass	2 meals/month	Mercury
Lily Lake (Luzerne Co.)	Entire lake	Largemouth Bass	2 meals/month	Mercury
Little Pine Creek (Lycoming Co.)	Entire basin	Yellow Perch	2 meals/month	Mercury

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Logan Branch (Centre Co.)	Axemann to mouth	Brown Trout	1 meal/month	PCB
Lopez Pond (Sullivan Co.)	Entire lake	Yellow Perch	2 meals/month	Mercury
Lyman Run Reservoir (Potter Co.)	Entire lake	Largemouth Bass	1 meal/month	Mercury
Maple Lake (Lackawanna Co.)	Entire lake	Chain Pickerel	2 meals/month	Mercury
McWilliams Reservoir (Northumberland and Columbia Cos.)	Entire reservoir	Largemouth Bass	2 meals/month	Mercury
Mountain Mud Pond (Meril-Samoski Park)(Lackawanna Cos.)	Entire lake	Largemouth Bass	2 meals/month	Mercury
Pine Creek (Tioga Co.)	Confluence of Painter Run to confluence of Fourmile Run near Colton Point State Park	Smallmouth Bass	2 meals/month	Mercury
● Poe Lake (Centre Co.)	Entire lake	Largemouth Bass	2 meals/month	Mercury
Shumans Lake (Loyalsock Creek) (Sullivan Co.)	Entire lake	Chain Pickerel	2 meals/month	Mercury
Silver Lake (Susquehanna Co.)	Entire lake	Largemouth Bass	2 meals/month	Mercury
Steven Foster Lake (Bradford Co.)	Entire lake	Largemouth Bass	2 meals/month	Mercury
Sugar Creek (Bradford Co.)	Confluence of Bailey Run to mouth	Smallmouth Bass	2 meals/month	Mercury
Sunfish Pond (Bradford Co.)	Entire pond	Largemouth Bass, Yellow Perch	2 meals/month	Mercury
Susquehanna River (Susquehanna Co.)	Entire section in PA from the NY border above Starrucca Creek to the NY border below Great Bend	Smallmouth Bass, Fallfish	2 meals/month	Mercury
Susquehanna River (Bradford and Wyoming Cos.)	NY border above Sayre to PA Route 92 bridge at Falls	Walleye	1 meal/month	Mercury
		Smallmouth Bass	2 meals/month	Mercury
		Channel Catfish, Carp	1 meal/month	PCB
Susquehanna River (Wyoming, Lackawanna, Luzerne, Columbia, Northumberland and Montour Cos.)	PA Route 92 bridge at Falls to confluence with West Branch	Smallmouth Bass	2 meals/month	Mercury
		Channel Catfish, Quillback, Carp, Walleye	1 meal/month	PCB
Susquehanna River (Snyder, Northumberland, Juniata, Perry, Dauphin, Cumberland, York and Lancaster Cos.)	West Branch to PA/MD border	Channel Catfish over 20", Flathead Catfish over 30"	1 meal/month	PCB Mercury, PCB
Tioga Reservoir (Tioga Co.)	Entire reservoir	Largemouth Bass	2 meals/month	Mercury
Towanda Creek (Bradford Co.)	Confluence of Schrader Creek to mouth	Smallmouth Bass	2 meals/month	Mercury
Trindle Spring Run (locally Silver Spring Run) (Cumberland Co.)	Silver Spring Meeting House to mouth (approx. 1 mile)	All trout	1 meal/month	PCB
Tunkhannock Creek (Wyoming Co.)	Confluence of South Branch to mouth	Smallmouth Bass	2 meals/month	Mercury
Tuscarora Creek (Juniata Co.)	SR 3008 bridge above Port Royal to mouth	Smallmouth Bass	2 meals/month	Mercury
West Branch Susquehanna River (Clinton, Lycoming, Union and Northumberland Cos.)	Bald Eagle Creek to confluence with Susquehanna River	Walleye	2 meals/month	Mercury
White Deer Creek (Clinton, Centre and Union Cos.)	Entire basin	Brown Trout	2 meals/month	Mercury
Wyalusing Creek (Bradford Co.)	SR 0706 bridge at Campdown to mouth	Smallmouth Bass	2 meals/month	Mercury
Yellow Breeches Creek (Cumberland Co.)	SR 3017 bridge at Huntsdale to confluence of Spruce Run	Brown Trout	1 meal/month	PCB

### OHIO RIVER BASIN

<b>Water Body</b>	<b>Area Under Advisory</b>	<b>Species</b>	<b>Meal Frequency</b>	<b>Contaminant</b>
Allegheny River (McKean Co.)	Confluence of Potato Creek to PA/NY border	Smallmouth Bass	1 meal/month	Mercury
Allegheny Res. (Warren and McKean Cos.)	Entire lake	Smallmouth Bass	2 meals/month	Mercury
Allegheny River (Warren, Forest, Venango, Clarion and Armstrong Cos.)	Kinzua Dam to Lock & Dam 7	Smallmouth Bass, Walleye	2 meals/month	Mercury
Allegheny River (Armstrong Co.)	Pool 6 - Lock & Dam 7 to Lock & Dam 6	Carp	1 meal/month	PCB
Allegheny River (Armstrong Co.)	Pool 5 - Lock & Dam 6 to Lock & Dam 5	Carp, Channel Catfish	1 meal/month	PCB
Allegheny River (Armstrong and Allegheny Cos.)	Pool 4 - Lock & Dam 5 to Lock & Dam 4	Carp, Channel Catfish	1 meal/month	PCB
Allegheny River (Allegheny Co.)	Pool 3 - Lock & Dam 4 to Lock & Dam 3	Carp, Channel Catfish	1 meal/month	PCB
Allegheny River (Allegheny Co.)	Pool 2 - Lock & Dam 3 to Lock & Dam 2	Carp, Channel Catfish	1 meal/month	PCB
Allegheny River (Allegheny Co.)	Lock & Dam 2 to Montgomery Lock & Dam on the Ohio River	See Ohio River (Allegheny and Beaver Cos.)		
Beaver River (Lawrence and Beaver Cos.)	Confluence of Mahoning and Shenango Rivers to mouth	Carp	Do Not Eat	PCB
		Smallmouth Bass, Channel Catfish	1 meal/month	PCB
Beaver Run Reservoir (Westmoreland Co.)	Entire lake	Largemouth Bass	2 meals/month	Mercury
Brokenstraw Creek (Warren Co.)	Confluence of Hare Creek to mouth	All suckers, Smallmouth Bass	2 meals/month	Mercury
Chapman Dam Reservoir (Warren Co.)	Entire lake	Largemouth Bass	2 meals/month	Mercury
Chartiers Creek and Little Chartiers Creek (Allegheny and Washington Cos.)	Chartiers Creek - Canonsburg to mouth	Largemouth Bass	1 meal/month	PCB
	Little Chartiers Creek - Canonsburg Lake Dam to mouth	Carp	Do Not Eat	PCB
		Smallmouth Bass	6 meals/year	PCB
Clarion River (Clarion Co.)	Confluence of Canoe Creek above Callensburg to confluence of Turkey Run	Walleye	2 meals/month	Mercury
Clarion River (Clarion, Clearfield and Elk Cos.)	Entire basin upstream of Piney Dam	Smallmouth Bass, Largemouth Bass	2 meals/month	Mercury
Conemaugh R. (Indiana and Westmoreland Cos.)	Conemaugh Lake Dam to mouth	Carp	1 meal/month	PCB
Conewango Creek (Warren Co.)	NY/PA border to mouth	Smallmouth Bass	2 meals/month	Mercury
Conneaut Lake (Crawford Co.)	Entire lake	Largemouth Bass	2 meals/month	Mercury
		Northern Pike	1 meal/month	Mercury
Crystal Lake (Crawford Co.)	Entire lake	Largemouth Bass	1 meal/month	Mercury
Dunkard Creek (Greene Co.)	Confluence of Toms Run to confluence of Roberts Run	Largemouth Bass	2 meals/month	Mercury
Dunkard Creek (Greene Co.)	SR 2021 bridge to mouth	Smallmouth Bass	2 meals/month	Mercury
East Branch Lake (E. Br. Clarion R.) (Elk Co.)	Entire lake	Smallmouth Bass	2 meals/month	Mercury
Eaton Reservoir (Erie Co.)	Entire lake	Largemouth Bass, Walleye	2 meals/month	Mercury
Edinboro Lake (Erie Co.)	Entire lake	Largemouth Bass	2 meals/month	Mercury
French Creek (Erie, Crawford, Mercer and Venango Cos.)	Entire mainstem	Smallmouth Bass, Walleye	2 meals/month	Mercury
Geneva Swamp (Crawford Co.)	Entire marsh	Bowfin	1 meal/month	Mercury
Justus Lake (Venango Co.)	Entire lake	Smallmouth Bass, Largemouth Bass	2 meals/month	Mercury



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Lake Canadohta (Crawford Co.)	Entire lake	Largemouth Bass, Walleye	2 meals/month	Mercury
Lake LeBoeuf (Erie Co.)	Entire lake	Muskellunge	1 meal/month	Mercury
Lake Pleasant (Erie Co.)	Entire lake	Largemouth Bass, Carp	2 meals/month	Mercury
Mahoning River (Lawrence Co.)	Entire portion in PA	Largemouth Bass	2 meals/month	Mercury
		Carp	6 meals/year	PCB
		Channel Catfish	Do Not Eat	PCB
Monongahela River (Fayette and Greene Cos.)	Point Marion Lock & Dam to Maxwell Locks & Dam	Carp	1 meal/month	PCB
Monongahela River (Fayette and Washington Cos.)	Pool 4 - Maxwell Locks & Dam to Locks & Dam 4	Carp	1 meal/month	PCB
Monongahela River (Allegheny, Washington and Westmoreland Cos.)	Pool 3 - Locks & Dam 4 to Locks & Dam 3	Carp	1 meal/month	PCB
Monongahela River (Allegheny Co.)	Pool 2 (Braddock Pool)- Locks & Dam 3 to Locks & Dam 2	Carp	1 meal/month	PCB
Monongahela River (Allegheny Co.)	From Locks & Dam 2 to the Montgomery Locks & Dam on the Ohio River	See Ohio River (Allegheny and Beaver Cos.)		
Ohio River (Allegheny and Beaver Cos.)	From Lock & Dam 2 on the Monongahela River and Lock & Dam 2 on the Allegheny River to the Montgomery Lock & Dam Based on advisories issued by Ohio River Valley Water Sanitation Commission	Freshwater Drum, Spotted Bass, Largemouth Bass, Black Crappie, Smallmouth Bass, White Crappie, Sauger, Walleye	1 meal/month	PCB
		All suckers, Flathead Catfish, Hybrid-Striped Bass, White Bass, Channel Catfish	6 meals/year	PCB
		Carp	Do Not Eat	PCB
Ohio River (Beaver Co.)	From Montgomery Locks & Dam to the state border. Based on recommendation from the Ohio River Consumption Advisory Workgroup	All suckers, Flathead Catfish, Black Crappie, White Crappie, Largemouth Bass, Spotted Bass, Smallmouth Bass, Sauger, Walleye, Freshwater Drum	1 meal/month	PCB
		Channel Catfish under 18", Carp, Hybrid Striped Bass, White Bass	6 meals/year	PCB
		Channel Catfish over 18"	Do Not Eat	PCB
Oil Creek (Venango Co.)	SR 1004 bridge at Petroleum Center to mouth	Smallmouth Bass	2 meals/month	Mercury
Shenango River (Mercer and Lawrence Cos.)	Shenango Reservoir Dam to mouth	All species	Do Not Eat	PCB
Sugar Lake (Crawford Co.)	Entire lake	Largemouth Bass, Chain Pickerel	2 meals/month	Mercury
Tamarack Lake (Crawford Co.)	Entire lake	Muskellunge	1 meal/month	Mercury
		Walleye	2 meals/month	Mercury
Tenmile Creek (Washington and Greene Cos.)	Entire basin	Freshwater Drum	1 meal/month	Mercury
Tionesta Creek (Warren and Forest Cos.)	SR 0666 bridge at Henrys Mills to Tionesta Res. Dam	Smallmouth Bass, All suckers	2 meals/month	Mercury
Tionesta Reservoir (Forest Co.)	Entire lake	Smallmouth Bass	2 meals/month	Mercury
Traverse Creek (Beaver Co.)	Source to dam in Raccoon State Park	Largemouth Bass	2 meals/month	Mercury
Tunungwant Creek (McKean Co.)	Confluence of East and West branches to PA/NY border	Carp, All suckers	2 meals/month	Mercury
Union City Reservoir (Erie Co.)	Entire lake	Largemouth Bass	2 meals/month	Mercury
West Branch Caldwell Creek (Warren Co.)	Entire basin	Brown Trout	2 meals/month	Mercury
Youghiogheny Lake (Fayette/Somerset Cos.)	Entire lake	Smallmouth Bass	2 meals/month	Mercury
Youghiogheny River (Fayette and Somerset Cos.)	Youghiogheny Lake Dam to confluence of Lick Run	Smallmouth Bass	2 meals/month	Mercury

### LAKE ERIE BASIN

\* Salmon and trout are migratory. They may be found seasonally in Presque Isle Bay or Lake Erie tributary streams. Trout, salmon and other fish, whether caught in the lake or tributaries, should be treated as Lake Erie fish.

Water Body	Area Under Advisory	Species	Meal Frequency	Contaminant
Lake Erie (Erie Co.)	Open waters	Walleye, Coho Salmon*, Steelhead* (Rainbow Trout), Brown Trout*, Smallmouth Bass, White Perch, White Bass, Lake Whitefish, Carp under 20", Freshwater Drum, Lake Trout under 30" and Channel Catfish	1 meal/month	PCB
		Carp over 20", Lake Trout over 30"	Do Not Eat	PCB
Lake Erie (Erie Co.)	Presque Isle Bay	Smallmouth Bass, White Perch, Freshwater Drum, Bowfin, Carp, Coho Salmon*, Steelhead* (Rainbow Trout) and Brown Trout*	1 meal/month	PCB
Conneaut Creek (Erie Co.)	SR 0215 bridge to PA/OH border	Smallmouth Bass	2 meals/month	Mercury

### POTOMAC RIVER BASIN

There are currently no advisories for the Potomac River Basin.

However, the statewide advisory of 1 meal/week does apply to all waters throughout the Commonwealth including the Potomac River Basin.

## Recognizing and Reporting POLLUTION or DISTURBANCE of Waterways

**POLLUTION or DISTURBANCE** of any waterway or watershed is a serious violation of the Pennsylvania Fish and Boat Code that must be recognized and reported to a Pennsylvania Fish and Boat Commission region law enforcement office. The law provides for criminal penalties for pollution or disturbances.

**POLLUTION** is an introduction into any waterway of anything that "might" harm or kill fish. Examples of "pollutants" are: electricity, explosives, sediment runoff, sewage, insecticides, poisons, high volumes of extremely hot water, liquid concrete or cement, paint, chemicals, petroleum products like gasoline or oil, brine runoff from gas or water

well drilling, and manufacturing waste. Common pollution indicators are: dead fish including crayfish, frogs, and any other types of aquatic life; strange odors like manure, sewage, or chemicals; muddy, cloudy, or discolored water; shiny, oily sheen on water's surface; foamy material floating on the surface; and extremely muddy water.

**DISTURBANCE** of waterways or watersheds includes any alteration of a waterway, its banks, bed or fish habitat that "might" cause damage to or kill fish. Common disturbance indicators are: removal of gravel from stream beds; earth-moving in or along a waterway; dragging logs across stream banks and through stream beds; installing

pipes or culverts; building or installing bridges; making roadways through or along a stream; draining a waterway, wetland, or watershed; or changing the channel flow of a waterway. Various types of permits are required for any such work.

If you see anything suspected to be a pollution or disturbance of any waterway, regardless of how seemingly insignificant, report it immediately by calling the local Pennsylvania Fish and Boat Commission region law enforcement office listed on [page 3](#) of this publication or the Pennsylvania Department of Environmental Protection at 1-800-541-2050 (24 hours a day, 7 days a week).