Fishing Regulations

FISH CONSUMPTION ADVISORIES & COMMERCIAL FISHING BANS

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https://www.mdeq.ms.gov/water/field-services/fish-advisories-fish-tissue-and-fishing-bans/ms-fish-tissue-advisories-and-commercial-fishing-bans-june-2011/or call the MDEQ Laboratory at (601) 961-5701 for the most up to date information.

STREAM REACH	CHEMICAL	DATE ISSUED	ACTION
Archusa Water Park in Clark County	Mercury	Sept. 1996	See #1 Below
Bogue Chitto River	Mercury	May 1995	See #1 Below
Delta Region / All waters east of the Mississippi River levee and west of the bluff hills except for Steele Bayou, Black Bayou, Bee Lake, RecCon Lake (Rainey's Lake), and Lake Charlie Capps.	Toxaphene, DDT	June 2001	See #4 Below
Enid Reservoir	Mercury	May 1995	See #1 Below
Escatawpa River from the Alabama state line to Interstate 10.	Mercury	May 1995	See #1 Below
Grenada Lake & Yalobusha River from the dam downstream to Hwy 8 & 35 at Holcomb.	Mercury	June 2001	See #1 Below
Gulf of Mexico	Mercury	May 1998	See #2 Below
Lake Susie, Oxbow Lake of Old Tallahatchie River in Panola County west of Batesville	PCBs	Nov. 1989	See #3 Below
Little Conehoma Creek & Yockanookany River in Attala & Leake counties. From Highway 35 near Kosciusko Downstream to Highway 429 near Thomastown (approx. 15 miles).	PCBs	June 1987	See #3 Below
Pascagoula River	Mercury	Sept. 1996	See #1 Below
Pearl River Hwy 25 (Leake County), near Carthage, downstream to Leake County Water Park	Mercury	June 2001	See #1 Below
Yazoo National Wildlife Refuge (All Waters)	Toxaphene, DDT	1975	See #3 Below
Yockanookany River	Mercury	May 1995	See #1 Below
Yocona River From Enid Reservoir to Little Tallahatchie River	Mercury	Sept. 1996	See #1 Below

CONSUMPTION RECOMMENDATIONS

- 1. The Mississippi State Department of Health recommends that people limit the amount of largemouth and spotted bass and large catfish over 27 inches that they eat from these areas because of high levels of mercury in the fish. Children under seven and women of childbearing age should eat no more than one meal of these fish every two months. Other adults should eat no more than one meal of these fish every two weeks.
- 2. The Mississippi State Department of Health recommends that people limit the amount of 33"-39" king mackerel they eat from the Mississippi Gulf Coast. Do not eat king mackerel greater than 39". Children under seven and women of childbearing age should eat no more than one meal of these fish every two months. Other adults should eat no more than one meal of these fish every two weeks.
- 3. Do not consume any fish from these waters. Closed to commercial fishing. Precautionary advisory issued by the U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service for Yazoo National Wildlife Refuge.
- 4. The Mississippi State Department of Health recommends that people eat no more than one meal every 2 weeks of buffalo, carp, gar, and catfish over 22 inches from all waters in this area, except for Steele Bayou, Black Bayou, Bee Lake, RecCon Lake (Rainey's Lake) and Lake Charlie Capps.

DDT (dichloro-diphenyl-trichloroethane) is an insecticide whose use in the United States was banned in 1972. PCBs (polychlorinated biphenyls) are chemicals whose production in the United States was banned in 1978.