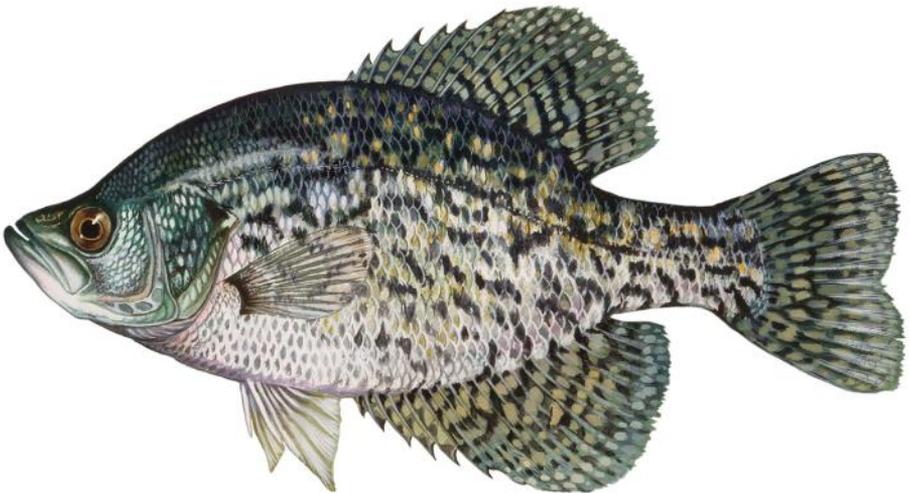


Guidelines For Eating Fish
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- ◆ For this booklet: Go to Environmental Protection Division at <https://epd.georgia.gov/watershed-protection-branch/watershed-planning-and-monitoring-program/fish-consumption-guidelines>
- ◆ For the current Georgia 2023 Freshwater Sport Fishing Regulations, Click on Wildlife Resources Division. Click on Fishing. Choose Fishing Regulations. Or, go to <https://www.eregulations.com/assets/docs/guides/23GAFW.pdf>
- ◆ For more information on Coastal Fisheries and 2023 Regulations, Click on Coastal Resources Division, or go to <https://coastalgadnr.org/RecreationalFishing>
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Call the DNR Toll Free Tip Line at 1-800-241-4113 to report fish kills, spills, sewer overflows, dumping or poaching (24 hours a day, seven days a week).

Also, report Poaching, via e-mail using rangerhotline@dnr.ga.gov

Check USEPA and USFDA for Federal Guidance on Fish Consumption

USEPA: <https://www.epa.gov/choose-fish-and-shellfish-wisely>

USFDA: <http://www.fda.gov/food/resources-you-food/seafood>

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Introduction

Fishing is a popular pastime in Georgia. Whether you go alone to relax and enjoy nature, with your friends to enjoy camaraderie and “fish tales” or with your family to pass on a sport you learned as a child, fishing is a fun and rewarding sport enjoyed by many people.

Not only does fishing give people an excuse to get away from the hustle and bustle of daily life, but it can also put a healthy, satisfying meal on the table. Fish are low in saturated fat, high in protein, and can have substantial health benefits when eaten in place of other high-fat foods. The quality of sport fish caught in Georgia is very good; however, arsenic, polychlorinated biphenyls (PCBs), mercury, thallium, chlordane, toxaphene (and related compounds), and dieldrin have been found in some fish. In most cases, the levels of these chemicals are low. However, to help ensure the good health of Georgians, the Georgia Department of Natural Resources (DNR) has developed guidelines for how often certain species of fish can be safely eaten. These guidelines are based on the best scientific information and procedures available. As more advanced procedures are developed, these guidelines may change.

It is important to keep in mind that the consumption recommendations are based on health-risk calculations for someone eating fish with similar contamination over a period of 30 years or more.

These guidelines are not intended to discourage people from eating fish, but should be used as a guide for choosing which type (species) and size of fish to eat from Georgia waters.

The guidelines are non-binding recommendations EPA determines based on the body of water a fish comes from, the species of fish and the amount of fish a person consumes. The purpose of these guidelines is to provide detailed information in an understandable format for people who eat fish. Waters listed in the fish consumption guidelines are not necessarily assessed as impaired using USEPA guidelines for Section 303(d) of the Clean Water Act.

The river basin where tested sites are located has been identified in the tables. The fourteen major river basins in Georgia are shown on the map provided, preceding the consumption guidance tables. The listings for lakes have been divided into those with a surface area of 500 acres or more, and small lakes and ponds less than 500 acres in size. Georgia rivers have also been divided into freshwater rivers and creeks, and estuarine systems. An index is provided at the back of the booklet for quick page reference to lake, river and estuarine locations that have been tested.

Are Georgia's Fish Safe to Eat?

Yes. The quality of fish in Georgia is good. Fish and seafood are nutritious and can play a role in maintaining a healthy well-balanced diet. This booklet provides you with the guidance and recommendations to use in eating fish in a healthy and informed manner. The Georgia Department of Natural Resources (DNR) has one of the most progressive fish testing programs in the southeast. A variety of different fish species were tested for 43 separate contaminants, including metals, organic chemicals and pesticides. Many of these contaminants did not appear in any fish. However, four contaminants, arsenic, polychlorinated biphenyls (PCBs), mercury, and thallium, were frequently detected in significant amounts in a few species from some bodies of water in Georgia. Three additional contaminants, chlordane, toxaphene-like compounds, and dieldrin were also detected infrequently. This publication provides you with information on those six contaminants: arsenic, PCBs, mercury, thallium, chlordane, toxaphene and dieldrin.

In some areas, fish are contaminated with low concentrations of PCBs. It is now illegal to manufacture PCBs; however, in the past, these synthetic oils were used regularly as fluids for electrical transformers, cutting oils, and carbonless paper. Although they were banned in 1976, they do not break down easily and remain in aquatic sediments for years. Over time, levels of PCBs are decreasing.

Mercury is a naturally occurring metal that does not break down as it cycles between land, water, and air. As mercury cycles through the environment it is absorbed and ingested by plants and animals. Nearly all of the mercury found in fish flesh is an organic form, called methylmercury. Most of the mercury absorbed or ingested will be returned to the environment but some will remain in the plant and animal tissues. It is not known where the mercury in Georgia's fish originated. Mercury may be present in fish because of the mercury content of soils and rocks in the southeast, from municipal and industrial sources, or from fossil fuel use. Scientific evidence is growing that mercury is transported long distances through the upper atmosphere, making its control a global environmental issue. Although mercury has always been present, scientific research shows that the amount of mercury cycling through the environment has increased significantly following the dawn of the Industrial Revolution in the late 1800s.

Chlordane is a man-made pesticide used in the U.S. from the late 1940s to the early 1980s. Historically, chlordane was used as an agricultural pesticide, but in 1978 it was restricted to termite control use only. It is now banned for all uses. Chlordane is persistent in the environment and may remain in aquatic sediments for years.

Fish in Proctor Creek had enough dieldrin to recommend a restriction in consumption. Dieldrin is another chlorinated pesticide like chlordane and DDT, and has been restricted from use in the United States. It was used to control corn and citrus pests, termites, and in moth proofing. Dieldrin is persistent in the environment because of the slow breakdown rate.

Toxaphene was a chlorinated camphene pesticide used extensively on cotton. In 1982 registration for all uses were cancelled, and a ban on all uses went into effect in 1990. One estuarine area (Terry and Dupree Creeks, and the Back River, page 52), adjacent to a site where toxaphene was once manufactured has remaining residues of toxaphene-like compounds present in some fish. Toxaphene is also persistent in the environment.

Like PCBs, the chlorinated pesticides do not break down easily and remain in aquatic sediments for years. These organic contaminants tend to concentrate in fat and fatty tissues of fish such as the liver and other organs. Over time levels of PCBs and chlorinated pesticides are decreasing.

Some fish in the Savannah River below Augusta contain the radioactive elements cesium-137 and strontium-90. Exposure to large amounts of these elements may increase the risk of developing cancer.

How Do Fish Become Contaminated?

Contaminants get into water as a result of storm water runoff, industrial and municipal discharges, agricultural practices, nonpoint source pollution and other factors. When it rains, chemicals from the land and in the air are washed into the water.

Contaminants are carried downstream by rivers and creeks into lakes, reservoirs, and estuaries. Contaminants can get into fish in a variety of ways. Fish absorb PCBs, chlordane and other pesticides from water, suspended sediments, or their food. These organic chemicals concentrate in the fat of fish tissue and in fatty fish such as catfish. Cleaning and cooking a fish to remove fat will lower the amount of PCBs, chlordane or other pesticides in a fish meal.

Larger, older fish and fish which eat other fish may accumulate more contaminants than smaller, younger fish. Once in the water, mercury is converted to methylmercury by bacteria and other processes. Fish absorb methylmercury from their food and from water as it passes over their gills. Mercury is bound to proteins in fish tissue, including muscle.

Benefits of Eating Fish

Fish has long been recognized as a nutritious “protein food”. Its nutritional value as a protein source is greater than that for beef, pork, chicken or milk. Additionally, the types and amounts of dietary fats are generally more “heart healthy” than the fats found in other protein foods. Fish is also an important source of the fatty acids that are critical for the development of the brain and nervous system. Fish is an excellent source of several vitamins, and also contributes appreciable amounts of dietary calcium, iron and zinc. These minerals are essential nutrients that tend to be low in people’s diets. Many studies suggest that eating fish regularly may help protect against heart and inflammatory diseases.

These guidelines are based on a range in fish meal size from 4 to 8 ounces (1/4 to 1/2 pound). Where the guidelines recommend only 1 meal per week or month, you may prefer to have two smaller meals over that period.

Risks of Contaminated Fish

These guidelines were designed to protect you from experiencing health problems associated with eating contaminated fish. The consumption advice provided in this booklet is developed in a conservative manner. It is intended to protect both children and adults from cancer and the other potential toxic effects of these chemicals.

PCBs, methylmercury, chlordane, toxaphene and dieldrin build up in your body over time. It may take months or years of regularly eating contaminated fish to accumulate levels that would affect your health. Keep in mind that these guidelines are based on eating fish with similar contamination over a period of 30 years or more. Current statistics indicate that cancer will affect about one in every four people nationally, primarily due to smoking, diet and hereditary risk factors. If you follow Georgia’s consumption guidelines, the contaminants in the fish you eat may not increase your cancer risk at all. At worst, using the USEPA estimates of contaminant potency, your cancer risk from fish consumption should be less than 1 in 10,000.

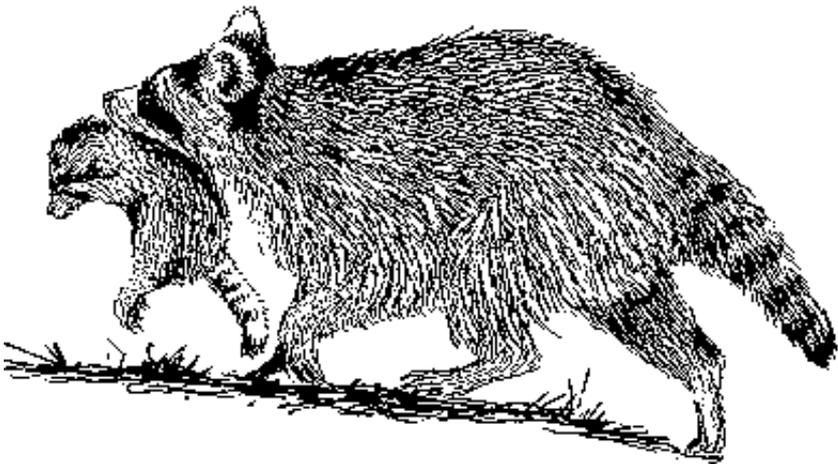
PCBs, chlordane, toxaphene and dieldrin can cause cancer in laboratory animals exposed to large amounts, and may cause cancer in humans. Effects other than cancer from these chemicals may include developmental problems in children whose mothers were exposed to them before or during pregnancy. Studies of people who have been exposed to very large quantities of these chemicals (pesticide workers, etc.), have indicated a relationship between high exposures and health effects on the nervous system, digestive system, and the immune system.

Exposure to methylmercury has not been linked to cancer. Methylmercury is a concern because of its potential to damage the nervous system, especially in the developing fetus and young child. This could affect your child's brain and how your child learns, moves, and behaves.

Special Notice for Pregnant Women, Nursing Mothers and Children

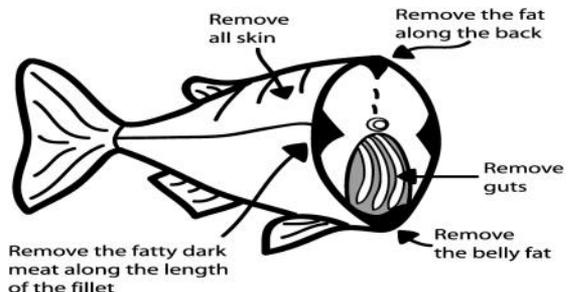
If you are pregnant or a nursing mother, or plan to become pregnant soon, you and children under 6 years of age are sensitive to the effects of contaminants such as mercury. DNR's guidelines are designed to be protective for these sensitive groups. In early 2001 the USEPA issued a national advisory recommending that these sensitive groups limit consumption of all freshwater fish to one meal per week due to mercury. People may wish to follow USEPA's recommendation, especially in areas where DNR has not tested fish and offered detailed guidelines. For most other healthy adults, DNR's recommendations may actually be overly conservative.

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Ways to Reduce Risk

- **Keep smaller fish for eating.** Generally, larger, older fish may be more contaminated than younger, smaller fish. You can minimize your health risk by eating smaller fish (within legal size limits) and releasing the larger fish.
- **Vary the kinds of fish you eat.** Contaminants build up in large predators and bottom-feeding fish, like bass and catfish, more rapidly than in other species. By substituting a few meals of panfish, such as bream (e.g. bluegill, redear), and crappie, you can reduce your risk.
- **Eat smaller meals when you eat big fish and eat them less often.** If you catch a big fish, freeze part of the catch (mark container or wrapping with species and location), and space the meals from this fish over a period of time.
- **Clean and cook your fish properly.** How you clean and cook your fish can reduce the level of contaminants by as much as half in some fish. Some chemicals have a tendency to concentrate in the fatty tissues of fish. By removing the fish's skin and trimming fillets according to the following diagram, you can reduce the level of chemicals substantially. Mercury is bound to the meat of the fish, so these precautions will not help reduce this contaminant.
- **Remove the skin from fillets or steaks.** The internal organs (intestines, liver, roe, and so forth), and skin are often high in fat and contaminants.
- **Trim off the fatty areas shown in black on the drawing.** These include the belly fat, side or body fat, and the flesh along the top of the back. Careful trimming can reduce some contaminants by 25 to 50%.
- **Cook fish so fat drips away.** Broil, bake or grill fish and do not use the drippings. Deep-fat frying removes some contaminants, but you should discard and not reuse the oil for cooking. Pan frying removes few, if any, contaminants.

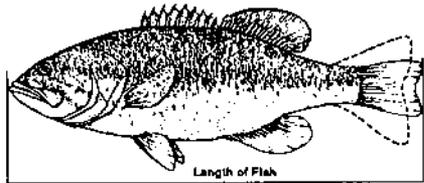


Using These Guidelines

Check the following pages (or *Index*), for the area where you fish. The lakes and rivers on the list are arranged in alphabetical order. If your fish or fishing location is NOT in this booklet, follow the suggestions in *Ways to Reduce Risk*. If your fish or fishing location is in the booklet, it does not necessarily mean that there are contaminants present, but only that the fish have been tested. Meal advice will depend on what contaminant(s) were found and how much was found in different species and sizes of fish. Follow these instructions carefully.

The current *Georgia Sport Fishing Regulations* should be consulted for the legal sizes and creel limits for different species in a water body. Some legal size limit information is provided in the following tables. The regulations also provide detailed information on how to measure fish length, other seafood size measures, and color pictures for identification.

- Measure fish from the tip of the nose to the end of the tail fin.



- In the tables find your lake or river and the species and size of fish you caught. If there is no meal frequency listed for a particular size fish, that size has not been tested or is illegal to keep. For rivers, the size that was tested was the common creel size for that species.

- Listed below are the four different recommended meal frequencies that are possible for different species and sizes of fish.

No Restriction

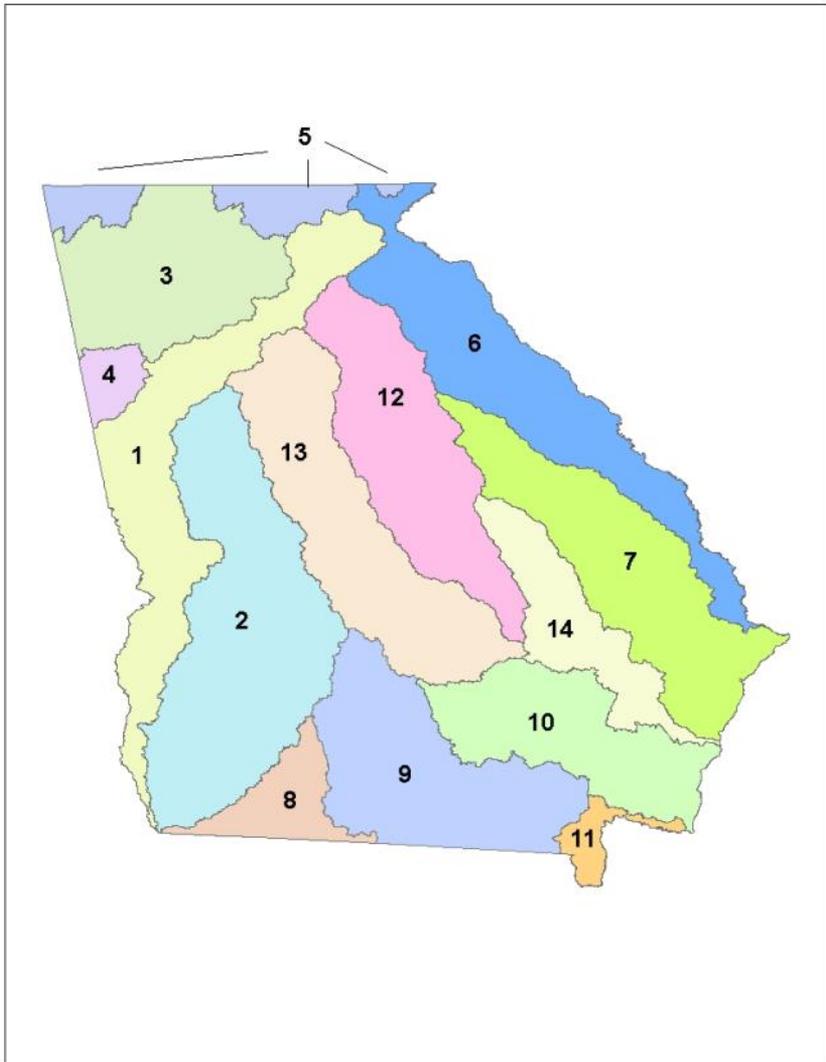
1 meal per week

1 meal per month

Do Not Eat

- For the purposes of these guidelines, one meal is assumed to range from 1/4 to 1/2 pound of fish (4-8 ounces) for a 150 pound person. Subtract or add 1 ounce of fish to the range for every 20 pounds of body weight. For example, one meal is assumed to be 3 – 7 ounces for a 130 pound person and 5 – 9 ounces for a 170 pound person.

RIVER BASINS OF GEORGIA



1. Chattahoochee River Basin
2. Flint River Basin
3. Coosa River Basin
4. Tallapoosa River Basin
5. Tennessee River Basin
6. Savannah River Basin
7. Ogeechee River Basin

8. Ochlockonee River Basin
9. Suwannee River Basin
10. Satilla River Basin
11. St. Marys River Basin
12. Oconee River Basin
13. Ocmulgee River Basin
14. Altamaha River Basin

FRESHWATER AND SALT WATER FISH OF GEORGIA

Largemouth Bass
Black Bass Spp.



Bluegill Sunfish



Redeye Bass
Black Bass Spp.



Green Sunfish



Shoal Bass
Black Bass Spp.



Redbreast Sunfish



Spotted Bass
Black Bass Spp.



Redear Sunfish



Hybrid Bass



Bowfin



Striped Bass



Carp



White Bass



Chain Pickerel



Brown Bullhead
Catfish



Sucker



Bullhead Catfish



Yellow Perch



Flat Bullhead Catfish



Walleye



Snail Bullhead Catfish



Atlantic Croaker



Spotted Bullhead
Catfish



Black Drum



Yellow Bullhead
Catfish



Red Drum



Blue Catfish



Sheepshead



Channel Catfish



Southern Flounder



Flathead Catfish



Southern Kingfish



White Catfish



Spot



Brook Trout



Spotted Seatrout



Brown Trout



Striped Mullet



Rainbow Trout



Blue Crab/Shrimp



FISH CONSUMPTION GUIDELINES

These guidelines are based on a range in fish meal size from 4 to 8 ounces (1/4 to 1/2 pound). Where the guidelines recommend only 1 meal per week or month, you may prefer to have two smaller meals over that period.

GEORGIA PUBLIC LAKES

The tables for public lakes have been separated into two categories based on size. The first set of lakes is those with a surface area of 500 or more acres. The second listing of public lakes includes those having less than 500 acres in surface area. These include Georgia DNR Public Fishing Areas (PFAs) and State Parks with small lakes and ponds, and municipal or other public fishing impoundments. Reservoirs and lakes are broken down into size classes based off of the length limits.

Due to the introduction and propagation of the invasive Flathead and Blue Catfish, the native White and Bullhead Catfish numbers have been greatly reduced, and therefore, are not included in the lakes that have established populations of invasive catfish. Typically Carp, Redhorse Spp., and Sucker Spp. are not game fish and/or targeted for table fair and therefore are not included and are no longer tested for the Fish Consumption Guidelines.

GEORGIA PUBLIC LAKES 500 ACRES OR LARGER

Lake Allatoona

Coosa River Basin

| Species | Less than 12" | 12" – 16" | Over 16" | Chemical |
|-----------------------|-----------------|-----------------|-----------------|---------------|
| Black Crappie | No Restrictions | | | |
| Channel Catfish | No Restrictions | No Restrictions | No Restrictions | |
| Hybrid Bass | | No Restrictions | 1 meal/week | Mercury |
| Largemouth Bass | No Restrictions | No Restrictions | 1 meal/week | Mercury |
| Spotted Bass | No Restrictions | No Restrictions | 1 meal/week | Mercury, PCBs |
| Stripped Bass | | | 1 meal/week | PCBs |
| Bluegill Sunfish Spp. | No Restrictions | | | |
| White Bass | Do Not Eat | | | Thallium |

Lake Andrews

Chattahoochee River Basin

| Species | Less than 12" | 12" - 16" | Over 16" | Chemical |
|-----------------|-----------------|-------------|-----------------|----------|
| Catfish Spp. | | | No Restrictions | |
| Largemouth Bass | 1 meal/week | 1 meal/week | 1 meal/week | Mercury |
| Sunfish Spp. | No Restrictions | | | |

Banks Lake

Savannah River Basin

| Species | Less than 12" | 12" - 16" | Over 16" | Chemical |
|------------------|-----------------|--------------|----------|----------|
| Bluegill Sunfish | No Restrictions | | | |
| Largemouth Bass | 1 meal/week | 1 meal/month | | Mercury |

Bear Creek Reservoir**Oconee River Basin**

| Species | Less than 12" | 12" - 16" | Over 16" | Chemical |
|-------------------|-----------------|-------------|-------------|----------|
| Bluegill Sunfish | 1 meal/week | | | Mercury |
| Channel Catfish | | 1 meal/week | 1 meal/week | Mercury |
| Largemouth Bass | 1 meal/week | 1 meal/week | | Mercury |
| Redbreast Sunfish | 1 meal/week | | | Mercury |
| Redear Sunfish | No Restrictions | | | |

Lake Blackshear**Flint River Basin**

| Species | Less than 12" | 12" - 16" | Over 16" | Chemical |
|------------------|-----------------|-----------------|-----------------|----------|
| Channel Catfish | No Restrictions | No Restrictions | No Restrictions | |
| Flathead Catfish | | | No Restrictions | |
| Largemouth Bass* | No Restrictions | No Restrictions | No Restrictions | |

*Only Largemouth Bass greater than 14 inches may be kept.

Black Shoals Lake (Randy Poynter Lake)**Ocmulgee River Basin**

| Species | Less than 12" | 12" - 16" | Over 16" | Chemical |
|-----------------|-----------------|-------------|-------------|----------|
| Black Crappie | 1 meal/week | | | Mercury |
| Channel Catfish | No Restrictions | 1 meal/week | 1 meal/week | Mercury |
| Largemouth Bass | | 1 meal/week | 1 meal/week | Mercury |
| Redear Sunfish | No Restrictions | | | |

Lake Blue Ridge**Tennessee River Basin**

| Species | Less than 12" | 12" - 16" | Over 16" | Chemical |
|------------------|-----------------|-----------------|-----------------|---------------|
| Bluegill Sunfish | No Restrictions | | | |
| Channel Catfish | | No Restrictions | No Restrictions | |
| Largemouth Bass | | 1 meal/week | 1 meal/month | Mercury |
| Spotted Bass | No Restrictions | 1 meal/week | 1 meal/week | Mercury, PCBs |
| Walleye | | 1 meal/week | 1 meal/week | Mercury, PCBs |
| White Bass | | 1 meal/week | | Mercury |

Lake Burton**Tennessee River Basin**

| Species | Less than 12" | 12" - 16" | Over 16" | Chemical |
|------------------|-----------------|-----------------|-----------------|----------|
| Bluegill Sunfish | No Restrictions | | | |
| Brown Trout | | | 1 meal/week | Mercury |
| Catfish Spp. | No Restrictions | No Restrictions | No Restrictions | |
| Largemouth Bass | | 1 meal/week | 1 meal/week | Mercury |
| Spotted Bass | | No Restrictions | 1 meal/week | Mercury |
| Walleye | | | No Restrictions | |

Carters Lake**Coosa River Basin**

| Species | Less than 12" | 12" - 16" | Over 16" | Chemical |
|-----------------|-----------------|-----------------|-----------------|----------|
| Catfish Spp. | | No Restrictions | No Restrictions | |
| Hybrid Bass | | | No Restrictions | |
| Largemouth Bass | | No Restrictions | No Restrictions | |
| Spotted Bass | No Restrictions | No Restrictions | 1 meal/week | Mercury |
| Striped Bass | | | No Restrictions | |
| Walleye | | No Restrictions | 1 meal/week | Mercury |

Lake Chatuge**Tennessee River Basin**

| Species | Less than 12" | 12" - 16" | Over 16" | Chemical |
|------------------|-----------------|-----------------|-------------|----------|
| Bluegill Sunfish | No Restrictions | | | |
| Catfish Spp. | | No Restrictions | 1 meal/week | Mercury |
| Hybrid Bass | | | 1 meal/week | Mercury |
| Largemouth Bass | No Restrictions | No Restrictions | 1 meal/week | Mercury |
| Spotted Bass | 1 meal/week | 1 meal/week | 1 meal/week | PCBs |

Clarks Hill Lake (J. Strom Thurmond)**Savannah River Basin**

| Species | Less than 12" | 12" - 16" | Over 16" | Chemical |
|------------------|-----------------|-----------------|-----------------|----------|
| Black Crappie | No Restrictions | No Restrictions | | |
| Brown Bullhead | | No Restrictions | | |
| Channel Catfish | No Restrictions | No Restrictions | No Restrictions | |
| Hybrid Bass | No Restrictions | No Restrictions | 1 meal/week | Mercury |
| Largemouth Bass | No Restrictions | 1 meal/week | 1 meal/week | Mercury |
| Striped Bass | No Restrictions | No Restrictions | No Restrictions | |
| Bluegill Sunfish | No Restrictions | | | |
| Redear Sunfish | No Restrictions | | | |
| White Perch | No Restrictions | No Restrictions | | |
| Yellow Bullhead | | No Restrictions | | |

Goat Rock Lake**Chattahoochee River Basin**

| Species | Less than 12" | 12" - 16" | Over 16" | Chemical |
|------------------|-----------------|-----------------|--------------|---------------|
| Black Crappie | No Restrictions | No Restrictions | | |
| Bluegill Sunfish | No Restrictions | | | |
| Channel Catfish | | 1 meal/week | 1 meal/month | Mercury, PCBs |
| Hybrid Bass | | 1 meal/month | 1 meal/month | PCBs |
| Largemouth Bass | | No Restrictions | 1 meal/month | Mercury, PCBs |
| White Bass | 1 meal/month | 1 meal/month | | PCBs |

Lake Harding (Bartletts Ferry)**Chattahoochee River Basin**

| Species | Less than 12" | 12" – 16" | Over 16" | Chemical |
|-----------------|-----------------|-----------------|--------------|---------------|
| Black Crappie | No Restrictions | 1 meal/week | | PCBs |
| Channel Catfish | 1 meal/week | No Restrictions | 1 meal/week | PCBs |
| Hybrid Bass | No Restrictions | | 1 meal/week | Mercury, PCBs |
| Largemouth Bass | | No Restrictions | 1 meal/month | Mercury |
| Spotted Bass | | 1 meal/week | 1 meal/week | Mercury, PCBs |
| Striped Bass | No Restrictions | No Restrictions | | |
| White Bass | | | 1 meal/week | Mercury, PCBs |

Lake Hartwell: Tugalo Arm**Savannah River Basin**

| Species | Less than 12" | 12" – 16" | Over 16" | Chemical |
|-----------------------|-----------------|-----------------|-----------------|---------------|
| Black Crappie | No Restrictions | No Restrictions | | |
| Bluegill Sunfish | No Restrictions | | | |
| Channel Catfish | No Restrictions | No Restrictions | No Restrictions | |
| Hybrid & Striped Bass | No Restrictions | 1 meal/month | 1 meal/month | Mercury, PCBs |
| Largemouth Bass | No Restrictions | No Restrictions | 1 meal/week | Mercury, PCBs |
| Spotted Bass | | No Restrictions | | |
| Walleye | | | 1 meal/week | Mercury |

Lake Hartwell:**Main Body, D.S. Andersonville IS. GA/SC Listing****Savannah River Basin**

| Species | Less than 12" | 12" - 16" | Over 16" | Chemical |
|-------------------|---------------|--------------|--------------|----------|
| Channel Catfish | 1 meal/month | 1 meal/month | 1 meal/month | PCBs |
| Hybrid/Strip Bass | Do Not Eat | Do Not Eat | Do Not Eat | PCBs |
| Largemouth Bass | 1 meal/month | 1 meal/month | 1 meal/month | PCBs |
| Spotted Bass | 1 meal/month | 1 meal/month | 1 meal/month | PCBs |
| Striped Bass | Do Not Eat | Do Not Eat | Do Not Eat | PCBs |

Main Body. Guidance issued with South Carolina DHEC

(https://scdhec.gov/lake-Hartwell-fish-consumption-advisory)

High Falls Lake**Ocmulgee River Basin**

| Species | Less than 12" | 12" - 16" | Over 16" | Chemical |
|-----------------|-----------------|-----------------|-----------------|----------|
| Black Crappie | No Restrictions | No Restrictions | | |
| Channel Catfish | | No Restrictions | No Restrictions | |
| Hybrid Bass | No Restrictions | | No Restrictions | |
| Largemouth Bass | No Restrictions | No Restrictions | No Restrictions | |
| Redear Sunfish | 1 meal/month | | | Thallium |

Jackson Lake**Ocmulgee River Basin**

| Species | Less than 12" | 12" - 16" | Over 16" | Chemical |
|-----------------|-----------------|-----------------|-----------------|----------|
| Black Crappie | No Restrictions | No Restrictions | | |
| Blue Catfish | | | No Restrictions | |
| Channel Catfish | No Restrictions | No Restrictions | No Restrictions | |
| Largemouth Bass | 1 meal/week | No Restrictions | 1 meal/week | Mercury |
| Redear Sunfish | No Restrictions | | | |
| Snail Bullhead | | No Restrictions | | |
| Spotted Bass | | 1 meal/week | | PCBs |
| White Catfish | No Restrictions | No Restrictions | | |

Lake Juliette**Ocmulgee River Basin**

| Species | Less than 12" | 12" - 16" | Over 16" | Chemical |
|------------------|-----------------|-----------------|-----------------|----------|
| Catfish Spp. | | No Restrictions | No Restrictions | |
| Largemouth Bass* | No Restrictions | No Restrictions | No Restrictions | |
| Redear Sunfish | No Restrictions | | | |
| Striped Bass | No Restrictions | No Restrictions | No Restrictions | |

Lake Sydney Lanier**Chattahoochee River Basin**

| Species | Less than 12" | 12" - 16" | Over 16" | Chemical |
|------------------|-----------------|-----------------|-----------------|----------|
| Black Crappie | No Restrictions | No Restrictions | No Restrictions | |
| Bluegill Sunfish | No Restrictions | | | |
| Catfish Spp. | No Restrictions | No Restrictions | No Restrictions | |
| Largemouth Bass | No Restrictions | 1 meal/week * | 1 meal/month | Mercury |
| Spotted Bass | | 1 meal/week * | 1 meal/week | PCBs |
| Striped Bass | | No Restrictions | No Restrictions | |
| Walleye | | | 1 meal/week | Mercury |
| White Bass | | 1 meal/week | | Mercury |

*Only Largemouth, Spotted, and Shoal Bass greater than 14 inches may be kept.

Lake Nottely**Tennessee River Basin**

| Species | Less than 12" | 12" - 16 " | Over 16 " | Chemical |
|------------------|-----------------|-----------------|-----------------|----------|
| Black Crappie | No Restrictions | | | |
| Bluegill Sunfish | No Restrictions | | | |
| Catfish Spp. | | 1 meal/week | No Restrictions | Mercury |
| Largemouth Bass | No Restrictions | 1 meal/week | 1 meal/week | Mercury |
| Spotted Bass | No Restrictions | No Restrictions | | |
| Striped Bass | | | 1 meal/week | Mercury |

Lake Oconee**Oconee River Basin**

| Species | Less than 12" | 12" - 16 " | Over 16 " | Chemical |
|---|-----------------|-----------------|-----------------|----------|
| Black Crappie | No Restrictions | No Restrictions | | |
| Blue Catfish | No Restrictions | | No Restrictions | |
| Channel Catfish | No Restrictions | No Restrictions | No Restrictions | |
| Hybrid Bass | No Restrictions | | | |
| Largemouth Bass* | No Restrictions | 1 meal/week | No Restrictions | Mercury |
| Bluegill Sunfish | No Restrictions | | | |
| Redbreast Sunfish | No Restrictions | | | |
| White Catfish | No Restrictions | | | |
| *Only Largemouth Bass greater than 14 inches may be kept. | | | | |

Lake Oliver**Chattahoochee River Basin**

| Species | Less than 12" | 12" - 16 " | Over 16 " | Chemical |
|------------------|-----------------|-----------------|--------------|----------------|
| Bluegill Sunfish | 1 meal/week | | | Antimony |
| Channel Catfish | No Restrictions | No Restrictions | 1 meal/month | Chromium, PCBs |
| Hybrid Bass | No Restrictions | | | |
| Largemouth Bass | | 1 meal/week | 1 meal/week | Mercury, PCBs |
| Redear Sunfish | No Restrictions | | | |

Lake Rabun**Savannah River Basin**

| Species | Less than 12" | 12" - 16 " | Over 16 " | Chemical |
|------------------|-----------------|-----------------|--------------|----------|
| Bluegill Sunfish | 1 meal/week | | | Selenium |
| Catfish Spp. | No Restrictions | No Restrictions | 1 meal/week | Mercury |
| Largemouth Bass | No Restrictions | 1 meal/week | 1 meal/week | Mercury |
| Spotted Bass | | 1 meal/week | 1 meal/month | Mercury |
| Walleye | | No Restrictions | 1 meal/week | Mercury |

Lake Richard B. Russell**Savannah River Basin**

| Species | Less than 12" | 12" - 16 " | Over 16 " | Chemical |
|-----------------|-----------------|-----------------|-----------------|----------|
| Black Crappie | No Restrictions | No Restrictions | | |
| Channel Catfish | No Restrictions | No Restrictions | No Restrictions | |
| Flat Bullhead | 1 meal/week | | | Mercury |
| Largemouth Bass | No Restrictions | No Restrictions | No Restrictions | |
| Spotted Bass | No Restrictions | No Restrictions | | |
| Sunfish Spp. | No Restrictions | | | |
| White Catfish | No Restrictions | No Restrictions | 1 meal/week | Mercury |

Lake Seminole**Chattahoochee/Flint River Basin (Apalachicola)**

| Species | Less than 12" | 12" - 16 " | Over 16 " | Chemical |
|-----------------|-----------------|-----------------|-----------------|----------|
| Black Crappie | No Restrictions | No Restrictions | | |
| Channel Catfish | | No Restrictions | No Restrictions | |
| Largemouth Bass | No Restrictions | No Restrictions | No Restrictions | |
| Spotted Sucker | | No Restrictions | No Restrictions | |
| Sunfish Spp. | No Restrictions | | | |
| Yellow Bullhead | No Restrictions | 1 meal/week | | Mercury |

Lake Sinclair**Oconee River Basin**

| Species | Less than 12" | 12" - 16 " | Over 16 " | Chemical |
|-----------------|-----------------|-----------------|-----------------|----------|
| Black Crappie | No Restrictions | No Restrictions | | |
| Channel Catfish | No Restrictions | No Restrictions | No Restrictions | |
| Hybrid Bass | No Restrictions | No Restrictions | No Restrictions | |
| Largemouth Bass | No Restrictions | No Restrictions | No Restrictions | |
| Yellow Bullhead | | 1 meal/month | | Mercury |

Lake Tobesofkee**Ocmulgee River Basin**

| Species | Less than 12" | 12" - 16 " | Over 16 " | Chemical |
|-----------------|-----------------|-----------------|-----------------|----------|
| Channel Catfish | No Restrictions | No Restrictions | No Restrictions | |
| Largemouth Bass | No Restrictions | 1 meal/week | 1 meal/week | Mercury |

Lake Tugalo**Savannah River Basin**

| Species | Less than 12" | 12" - 16 " | Over 16 " | Chemical |
|------------------|-----------------|-----------------|-----------------|----------|
| Bluegill Sunfish | No Restrictions | | | |
| Catfish Spp. | | No Restrictions | | |
| Largemouth Bass | No Restrictions | No Restrictions | No Restrictions | |
| Spotted Bass | 1 meal/week | 1 meal/week | | Mercury |
| Walleye | | No Restrictions | 1 meal/week | Mercury |

Lake Varner (Cornish Creek Reservoir, Newton County)**Ocmulgee River Basin**

| Species | Less than 12" | 12" - 16 " | Over 16 " | Chemical |
|-----------------|---------------|-------------|-----------------|----------|
| Channel Catfish | | | No Restrictions | |
| Largemouth Bass | | 1 meal/week | 1 meal/week | Mercury |
| Redear Sunfish | 1 meal/week | | | Cadmium |

Lake Walter F. George (Eufaula)**Chattahoochee River Basin**

| Species | Less than 12" | 12" - 16 " | Over 16" | Chemical |
|--|-----------------|-----------------|-----------------|----------|
| Black Crappie | No Restrictions | No Restrictions | | |
| Channel Catfish | No Restrictions | No Restrictions | No Restrictions | |
| Hybrid Bass | | No Restrictions | No Restrictions | |
| Largemouth Bass * | | No Restrictions | No Restrictions | |
| Bluegill Sunfish | No Restrictions | | | |
| Redear Sunfish | No Restrictions | | | |
| * Only Largemouth Bass greater than 14 inches may be kept. | | | | |

West Point Lake**Chattahoochee River Basin**

| Species | Less than 12" | 12" - 16 " | Over 16" | Chemical |
|---|-----------------|-----------------|-----------------|----------|
| Black Crappie | No Restrictions | | | |
| Channel Catfish | No Restrictions | No Restrictions | 1 meal/week | PCBs |
| Hybrid Bass | 1 meal/week | No Restrictions | 1 meal/week | PCBs |
| Largemouth Bass * | | No Restrictions | 1 meal/week | Mercury |
| Spotted Bass | No Restrictions | 1 meal/week | | Mercury |
| Striped Bass | | | No Restrictions | |
| *Only Largemouth Bass greater than 14 inches may be kept. | | | | |

Lake Worth/Lake Chehaw (Flint River Reservoir)**Flint River Basin**

| Species | Less than 12" | 12" - 16 " | Over 16" | Chemical |
|-----------------|---------------|-------------|-------------|----------|
| Channel Catfish | | | 1 meal/week | Mercury |
| Largemouth Bass | | 1 meal/week | | Mercury |

Lake Worth/Lake Chehaw (Old Lake Worth Reservoir)**Flint River Basin**

| Species | Less than 12" | 12" - 16 " | Over 16" | Chemical |
|------------------|-----------------|-----------------|-----------------|----------|
| Flathead Catfish | | No Restrictions | No Restrictions | |
| Largemouth Bass | | 1 meal/week | 1 meal/week | Mercury |
| Redear Sunfish | No Restrictions | | | |

GEORGIA PUBLIC LAKES AND PONDS LESS THAN 500 ACRES

^{§§}Please note that the minimum size for Largemouth Bass is 14 inches for all of Georgia's Public Fishing Areas operated by the Department of Natural Resources, unless posted otherwise.

Lake Acworth

Coosa River Basin

| Species | Less than 12" | 12" - 16" | Over 16" | Chemical |
|------------------|-----------------|-----------------|-----------------|----------|
| Bluegill Sunfish | No Restrictions | | | |
| Largemouth Bass | No Restrictions | No Restrictions | No Restrictions | |

Allen Creek Wildlife Management Area, Ponds A and B

Oconee River Basin

| Species | Less than 12" | 12" - 16" | Over 16" | Chemical |
|------------------|-----------------|-----------|-------------|----------|
| Bluegill Sunfish | No Restrictions | | | |
| Largemouth Bass | 1 meal/week | | 1 meal/week | PCBs |

Antioch Lake, East & West (Rocky Mountain PFA) ^{§§}

Coosa River Basin

| Species | Less than 12" | 12" - 16" | Over 16" | Chemical |
|------------------|-----------------|-----------------|-----------------|----------|
| Black Crappie | No Restrictions | No Restrictions | | |
| Bluegill Sunfish | No Restrictions | | | |
| Channel Catfish | | No Restrictions | No Restrictions | |
| Largemouth Bass | No Restrictions | No Restrictions | No Restrictions | |

Lake Bennett (Marben PFA, Charlie Elliot Wildlife Center) ^{§§}

Oconee River Basin

| Species | Less than 12" | 12" - 16" | Over 16" | Chemical |
|-----------------|-----------------|-----------------|-----------------|----------|
| Channel Catfish | | | No Restrictions | |
| Largemouth Bass | | No Restrictions | No Restrictions | |
| Redear Sunfish | No Restrictions | | | |

Big Lazer PFA (Gum Creek Impoundment) ^{§§}

Flint River Basin

| Species | Less than 12" | 12" - 16" | Over 16" | Chemical |
|------------------|-----------------|-----------------|-----------------|----------|
| Bluegill Sunfish | No Restrictions | | | |
| Channel Catfish | | | No Restrictions | |
| Largemouth Bass | | No Restrictions | 1 meal/week | Mercury |

Lake Buncombe (A.H Stephens State Park) ^{§§}

Savannah River Basin

| Species | Less than 12" | 12" - 16" | Over 16" | Chemical |
|------------------|-----------------|-----------------|-----------------|----------|
| Bluegill Sunfish | No Restrictions | | | |
| Channel Catfish | | No Restrictions | No Restrictions | |
| Largemouth Bass | No Restrictions | No Restrictions | | |

Bush Field Airport, Augusta: Unnamed Pond***Savannah River Basin***

| Species | Less than 12" | 12" - 16" | Over 16" | Chemical |
|------------------|-----------------|-------------|----------|----------|
| Bluegill Sunfish | No Restrictions | | | |
| Largemouth Bass | No Restrictions | 1 meal/week | | Mercury |

Cedar Creek Reservoir***Oconee River Basin***

| Species | Less than 12" | 12" - 16" | Over 16" | Chemical |
|-----------------|-----------------|-----------------|-------------|----------|
| Catfish Spp. | No Restrictions | No Restrictions | 1 meal/week | Mercury |
| Largemouth Bass | No Restrictions | 1 meal/week | | Mercury |

Clayton County Water Authority: Blalock Reservoir***Ocmulgee River Basin***

| Species | Less than 12" | 12" - 16" | Over 16" | Chemical |
|-----------------|-----------------|-----------------|----------|----------|
| Black Crappie | No Restrictions | | | |
| Largemouth Bass | | No Restrictions | | |

Clayton County Water Authority: Shamrock Reservoir***Ocmulgee River Basin***

| Species | Less than 12" | 12" - 16" | Over 16" | Chemical |
|------------------|-----------------|-----------------|----------|----------|
| Bluegill Sunfish | No Restrictions | | | |
| Largemouth Bass | No Restrictions | No Restrictions | | |

Dodge County PFA (Steve Bell Lake) ^{§§}***Ocmulgee River Basin***

| Species | Less than 12" | 12" - 16" | Over 16" | Chemical |
|------------------|-----------------|-----------------|-----------------|----------|
| Bluegill Sunfish | No Restrictions | | | |
| Channel Catfish | | No Restrictions | No Restrictions | |
| Largemouth Bass | | No Restrictions | No Restrictions | |

Evans County PFA ^{§§}***Ogeechee River Basin***

| Species | Less than 12" | 12" - 16" | Over 16" | Chemical |
|------------------|-----------------|-------------|-----------------|----------|
| Bluegill Sunfish | No Restrictions | | | |
| Channel Catfish | | | No Restrictions | |
| Largemouth Bass | No Restrictions | 1 meal/week | 1 meal/week | Mercury |

Fort Yargo State Park Lake (Marburg Cr. Watershed Proj.)***Oconee River Basin***

| Species | Less than 12" | 12" - 16" | Over 16" | Chemical |
|-----------------|-----------------|-----------------|-----------------|----------|
| Largemouth Bass | No Restrictions | No Restrictions | No Restrictions | |

Hamburg Millpond (Hamburg State Park)***Ogeechee River Basin***

| Species | Less than 12" | 12" - 16" | Over 16" | Chemical |
|-----------------|-----------------|-------------|----------|----------|
| Largemouth Bass | No Restrictions | 1 meal/week | | Mercury |
| Redear Sunfish | No Restrictions | | | |

Heath Lake (Rocky Mountain PFA) §§

Coosa River Basin

| Species | Less than 12" | 12" - 16" | Over 16" | Chemical |
|------------------|-----------------|-----------------|-----------------|---------------|
| Black Crappie | No Restrictions | No Restrictions | | |
| Bluegill Sunfish | No Restrictions | | | |
| Channel Catfish | | | 1 meal/week | Mercury, PCBs |
| Largemouth Bass | | No Restrictions | No Restrictions | |

Hugh M. Gillis PFA §§

Oconee River Basin

| Species | Less than 12" | 12" - 16" | Over 16" | Chemical |
|------------------|-----------------|-----------------|-----------------|----------|
| Black Crappie | No Restrictions | No Restrictions | | |
| Bluegill Sunfish | No Restrictions | | | |
| Channel Catfish | | No Restrictions | No Restrictions | |
| Largemouth Bass | No Restrictions | No Restrictions | | |

Ken Gardens Lake (Albany, Georgia)

Flint River Basin

| Species | Less than 12" | 12" - 16" | Over 16" | Chemical |
|------------------|-----------------|-----------------|-------------|----------|
| Bluegill Sunfish | No Restrictions | | | |
| Brown Bullhead | No Restrictions | | | |
| Channel Catfish | No Restrictions | No Restrictions | | |
| Largemouth Bass | | No Restrictions | 1 meal/week | Mercury |

Kolomoki Lake (Kolomoki Mounds State Park)

Chattahoochee River Basin

| Species | Less than 12" | 12" - 16" | Over 16" | Chemical |
|------------------|-----------------|-------------|-------------|----------|
| Largemouth Bass | 1 meal/week | 1 meal/week | 1 meal/week | Mercury |
| Bluegill Sunfish | No Restrictions | | | |
| Redear Sunfish | No Restrictions | | | |

Lake Mayers (City of Baxley)

Altamaha River Basin

| Species | Less than 12" | 12" - 16" | Over 16" | Chemical |
|------------------|-----------------|-------------|-------------|----------|
| Black Crappie | No Restrictions | | | |
| Bluegill Sunfish | No Restrictions | | | |
| Largemouth Bass | No Restrictions | 1 meal/week | 1 meal/week | Mercury |

Laura S Walker Lake

Suwannee River Basin

| Species | Less than 12" | 12" - 16" | Over 16" | Chemical |
|-----------------|---------------|--------------|--------------|----------|
| Largemouth Bass | 1 meal/month | 1 meal/month | 1 meal/month | Mercury |
| Sunfish Spp. | 1 meal/week | | | Mercury |

Little Ocmulgee State Park Lake (Gum Creek Swamp)

Ocmulgee River Basin

| Species | Less than 12" | 12" - 16" | Over 16" | Chemical |
|------------------|-----------------|-------------|--------------|----------|
| Bluegill Sunfish | No Restrictions | | | |
| Brown Bullhead | | 1 meal/week | | Mercury |
| Largemouth Bass | 1 meal/week | | 1 meal/month | Mercury |

Lonice C. Barrett Lake (Flat Creek PFA) ^{§§}

Ocmulgee River Basin

| Species | Less than 12" | 12" - 16" | Over 16" | Chemical |
|------------------|-----------------|-------------|--------------|----------|
| Channel Catfish | | | 1 meal/week | PCBs |
| Largemouth Bass | | 1 meal/week | 1 meal/month | Mercury |
| Bluegill Sunfish | No Restrictions | | | |
| Redear Sunfish | No Restrictions | | | |

Margery Lake (Marben PFA, Charlie Elliot Wildlife Center) ^{§§}

Oconee River Basin

| Species | Less than 12" | 12" - 16" | Over 16" | Chemical |
|------------------|-----------------|----------------|-----------------|----------|
| Bluegill Sunfish | No Restrictions | | | |
| Largemouth Bass | | No Restriction | No Restrictions | |

McDuffie PFA (East Watershed Ponds) ^{§§}

Savannah River Basin

| Species | Less than 12" | 12" - 16" | Over 16" | Chemical |
|-----------------|---------------|-----------------|----------|----------|
| Channel Catfish | | No Restrictions | | |
| Largemouth Bass | | No Restrictions | | |

McDuffie PFA (West Watershed Ponds) ^{§§}

Savannah River Basin

| Species | Less than 12" | 12" - 16" | Over 16" | Chemical |
|------------------|-----------------|-----------------|-----------------|----------|
| Bluegill Sunfish | No Restrictions | | | |
| Channel Catfish | No Restrictions | 1 meal/week | 1 meal/week | PCBs |
| Largemouth Bass | No Restrictions | No Restrictions | No Restrictions | |

Ocmulgee PFA Lake

Ocmulgee River Basin

| Species | Less than 12" | 12" - 16" | Over 16" | Chemical |
|---------------|-----------------|-----------|----------|----------|
| White Crappie | No Restrictions | | | |

Lake Olmstead (Richmond County)

Savannah River Basin

| Species | Less than 12" | Less than 12" | Over 16" | Chemical |
|------------------|-----------------|---------------|----------|----------|
| Bluegill Sunfish | No Restrictions | | | |
| Largemouth Bass | No Restrictions | 1 meal/week | | Mercury |

Paradise PFA (Lake Bobben) ^{§§}

Suwannee River Basin

| Species | Less than 12" | 12" - 16" | Over 16" | Chemical |
|-----------------|-----------------|-----------|----------|----------|
| Largemouth Bass | No Restrictions | | | |

Paradise PFA (Horseshoe 4) ^{§§}

Suwannee River Basin

| Species | Less than 12" | 12" - 16" | Over 16" | Chemical |
|-----------------|---------------|-----------------|-----------------|----------|
| Channel Catfish | | | No Restrictions | |
| Largemouth Bass | | No Restrictions | No Restrictions | |

Paradise PFA (Lake Patrick) ^{§§}

Suwannee River Basin

| Species | Less than 12" | 12" - 16" | Over 16" | Chemical |
|-----------------|-----------------|-----------------|-----------------|----------|
| Bluegill | No Restrictions | | | |
| Catfish Spp. | | No Restrictions | No Restrictions | |
| Largemouth Bass | | No Restrictions | No Restrictions | |

Reed Bingham State Park Lake**Suwannee River Basin**

| Species | Less than 12" | 12" - 16" | Over 16" | Chemical |
|-----------------|---------------|--------------|--------------|----------|
| Largemouth Bass | 1 meal/month | 1 meal/month | 1 meal/month | Mercury |
| Sunfish Spp. | 1 meal/week | | | Mercury |
| White Catfish | | | 1 meal/month | Mercury |

Lake Rutledge (Hard Labor Creek State Park)**Oconee River Basin**

| Species | Less than 12" | 12" - 16" | Over 16" | Chemical |
|-----------------|-----------------|-----------------|----------|----------|
| Channel Catfish | No Restrictions | No Restrictions | | |
| Largemouth Bass | No Restrictions | No Restrictions | | |

Lake Seed**Savannah River Basin**

| Species | Less than 12" | 12" - 16" | 12" - 16" | Chemical |
|------------------|-----------------|-----------|-----------|----------|
| Bluegill Sunfish | No Restrictions | | | |

Shepherd Lake (Marben PFA, Charlie Elliot Wildlife Center) ^{§§}**Oconee River Basin**

| Species | Less than 12" | 12" - 16" | 12" - 16" | Chemical |
|-------------------|-----------------|-----------------|-----------------|----------|
| Bluegill Sunfish | No Restrictions | | | |
| Largemouth Bass * | | No Restrictions | No Restrictions | |

Silver Lake PFA**Flint River Basin**

| Species | Less than 12" | 12" - 16" | Over 16" | Chemical |
|------------------|-----------------|-----------------|-----------------|----------|
| Bluegill Sunfish | No Restrictions | | | |
| Largemouth Bass | No Restrictions | No Restrictions | No Restrictions | |

Stone Mountain Lake**Ocmulgee River Basin**

| Species | Less than 12" | 12" - 16 " | Over 16 " | Chemical |
|-----------------|---------------|-------------|-------------|----------|
| Largemouth Bass | 1 meal/month | 1 meal/week | 1 meal/week | Mercury |

Tribble Mill Lake (Gwinnett County)**Ocmulgee River Basin**

| Species | Less than 12" | 12" - 16 " | Over 16 " | Chemical |
|------------------|-----------------|-------------|-----------|----------|
| Black Crappie | No Restrictions | | | |
| Bluegill Sunfish | No Restrictions | | | |
| Largemouth Bass | No Restrictions | 1 meal/week | | Mercury |

Yohola Lake (Kolomoki Mounds State Park)**Chattahoochee River Basin**

| Species | Less than 12" | 12" - 16 " | Over 16 " | Chemical |
|-----------------|---------------|-------------|-----------|----------|
| Largemouth Bass | 1 meal/week | 1 meal/week | | Mercury |

Yonah Lake**Savannah River Basin**

| Species | Less than 12" | 12" - 16 " | Over 16 " | Chemical |
|------------------|-----------------|-----------------|-----------------|----------|
| Bluegill Sunfish | No Restrictions | | | |
| Largemouth Bass | | No Restrictions | No Restrictions | |
| Spotted Bass | No Restrictions | No Restrictions | 1 meal/week | Mercury |
| Walleye | | | 1meal/month | Mercury |

GEORGIA FRESHWATER RIVERS AND CREEKS

Please note that the consumption guidelines for Georgia rivers are presented in a different format from the lake tables. Reservoirs and lakes are broken down into size classes based off of the length limits.

Due to the length and variable flow of rivers, consumption guidelines may vary from one stretch of river to the next, so the site tested is relevant and important to the consumption guideline in that section of the river.

Due to the introduction and propagation of the invasive Flathead and Blue Catfish, the native White and Bullhead Catfish numbers have been greatly reduced, and therefore, are not included in the rivers and creeks that have established populations of invasive catfish. Typically Bowfin, Smallmouth Buffalo, Carp, Chub, Chubsuckers, Redhorse Spp., Stonerollers, Striped Jumprock, and Sucker Spp. are not game fish and/or targeted for table fair and are no longer tested for the Fish Consumption Guidelines.

Altamaha River Near Baxley, Ga. (U.S. Hwy 1)

Altamaha River Basin

| Species | Site Tested | Recommendation | Chemical |
|------------------|-------------|-----------------|----------|
| Bluegill Sunfish | U.S. Hwy 1 | No Restrictions | |
| Blue Catfish | U.S. Hwy 1 | No Restrictions | |
| Channel Catfish | U.S. Hwy 1 | No Restrictions | |
| Flathead Catfish | U.S. Hwy 1 | 1 meal/week | Mercury |
| Largemouth Bass | U.S. Hwy 1 | 1 meal/week | Mercury |

Altamaha River Near Jesup, Ga. (U.S. Hwy 25/84)

Altamaha River Basin

| Species | Site Tested | Recommendation | Chemical |
|------------------|----------------|-----------------|---------------|
| Bluegill Sunfish | U.S. Hwy 25/84 | No Restrictions | |
| Channel Catfish | U.S. Hwy 25/84 | No Restrictions | |
| Flathead Catfish | U.S. Hwy 84 | 1 meal/month | Mercury, PCBs |
| Hybrid Bass | Altamaha Park | 1 meal/week | Mercury |
| Largemouth Bass | U.S. Hwy 25/84 | 1 meal/month | Mercury |
| Redear Sunfish | U.S. Hwy 84 | 1 meal/week | Mercury |
| Striped Mullet | Altamaha Park | No Restrictions | |

Ochoopee River (Near Reidsville, Ga., Tattnall County)

Altamaha River Basin

| Species | Site Tested | Recommendation | Chemical |
|-------------------|-------------------|----------------|----------|
| Catfish Spp. | Ga. Hwy 280 to 56 | 1 meal/week | Mercury |
| Largemouth Bass | Ga. Hwy 280 to 56 | 1 meal/month | Mercury |
| Redbreast Sunfish | Ga. Hwy 280 to 56 | 1 meal/week | Mercury |

Chattahoochee River (Near Helen)

Chattahoochee River Basin

| Species | Site Tested | Recommendation | Chemical |
|----------------|-------------------|----------------|----------|
| Redeye Bass | Ga. Hwy 75, Helen | 1 meal/week | Mercury |
| Snail Bullhead | Ga. Hwy 75, Helen | 1 meal/week | Mercury |

Chattahoochee River (Above Lake Lanier)*Chattahoochee River Basin*

| Species | Site Tested | Recommendation | Chemical |
|-----------------|--------------------|----------------|----------|
| Black Bass Spp. | Belton Bridge Road | 1 meal/week | Mercury |

**Chattahoochee River
(Buford Dam to Morgan Falls Dam)***Chattahoochee River Basin*

| Species | Site Tested | Recommendation | Chemical |
|------------------|--------------------|-----------------|----------|
| Bluegill Sunfish | at Buford Hatchery | 1 meal/week | PCBs |
| Trout Spp. | at Buford Hatchery | No Restrictions | |
| Yellow Perch | Above Morgan Falls | No Restrictions | |

**Chattahoochee River
(Morgan Falls Dam to Peachtree Creek)***Chattahoochee River Basin*

| Species | Site Tested | Recommendation | Chemical |
|------------------|--------------------|-----------------|----------|
| Black Bass Spp. | Below Morgan Falls | No Restrictions | |
| Bluegill Sunfish | Below Morgan Falls | No Restrictions | |
| Trout Spp. | Below Morgan Falls | No Restrictions | |

**Chattahoochee River
(Peachtree Creek to Pea Creek)***Chattahoochee River Basin*

| Species | Site Tested | Recommendation | Chemical |
|------------------|------------------------|-----------------|----------|
| Bluegill Sunfish | SR 166 (DNR boat ramp) | 1 meal/week | PCBs |
| Channel Catfish | SR 166 (DNR boat ramp) | No Restrictions | |

**Chattahoochee River
(Coweta County)***Chattahoochee River Basin*

| Species | Site Tested | Recommendation | Chemical |
|---------|-----------------|-----------------|----------|
| Sunfish | River Bend Park | No Restrictions | |

**Chattahoochee River
Special Advisory for Striped Bass****(Morgan Falls Dam to West Point Lake, below Franklin)** *Chattahoochee River Basin*

| Species | Site Tested | Recommendation | Chemical |
|--|------------------------------|----------------|---------------|
| Black Bass Sp. (Largemouth, Smallmouth, Shoal, Spotted) | Morgan Falls Dam to I-285 | 1 meal/week | Mercury |
| Striped Bass | Morgan Falls Dam to I-285 | 1 meal/month | Mercury, PCBs |

NOTE: One population of striped bass migrates annually between West Point Lake and Morgan Falls Dam. Sampled population represents this stretch of river and lake.

**Chattahoochee River/Centralhatchee Creek
(Pea Creek to West Point Lake, below Franklin)***Chattahoochee River Basin*

| Species | Site Tested | Recommendation | Chemical |
|-----------------|--------------|-----------------|----------|
| Channel Catfish | U.S. 27/SR16 | No Restrictions | |
| Largemouth Bass | U.S. 27/SR16 | 1 meal/week | Mercury |
| Shoal Bass | U.S. 27/SR16 | 1 meal/week | Mercury |
| Spotted Bass | U.S. 27/SR16 | No Restrictions | |

**Chattahoochee River
(West Point Dam to Interstate 85)**

Chattahoochee River Basin

| Species | Site Tested | Recommendation | Chemical |
|-----------------------|-------------|-----------------|----------------------|
| Flat Bullhead Catfish | Below Dam | No Restrictions | |
| Largemouth Bass | Below Dam | No Restrictions | |
| Spotted Bass | Below Dam | 1 meal/week | Antimony, Mercury |

**Chattahoochee River
(Oliver Dam to Upatoi Creek, Muscogee County)**

Chattahoochee River Basin

| Species | Site Tested | Recommendation | Chemical |
|-----------------|------------------------------------|-----------------|----------|
| Catfish Spp. | Oliver Dam to Eagle Phoenix Dam | No Restrictions | |
| Largemouth Bass | Oliver Dam to Eagle Phoenix Dam | 1 meal/month | PCBs |
| Spotted Bass | U/S From North | 1 meal/week | Mercury |

**Chattahoochee River
(Chattahoochee Co. to Stewart Co.; Upatoi Ck to Omaha)**

Chattahoochee River Basin

| Species | Site Tested | Recommendation | Chemical |
|-----------------|----------------|-----------------|----------|
| Black Crappie | Oswichee Creek | No Restrictions | |
| Channel Catfish | Oswichee Creek | 1 meal/month | PCBs |
| Largemouth Bass | Oswichee Creek | 1 meal/week | Mercury |

Chattahoochee River (Early County)

Chattahoochee River Basin

| Species | Site Tested | Recommendation | Chemical |
|--------------|-------------|-----------------|----------|
| Blue Catfish | Hwy 91 | No Restrictions | |

Chattahoochee River (Seminole County)

Chattahoochee River Basin

| Species | Site Tested | Recommendation | Chemical |
|------------------|-------------------|-----------------|----------|
| Flathead Catfish | Callawatee Bridge | No Restrictions | |

Chestatee River (Headwaters, Turners Corner)

Chattahoochee River Basin

| Species | Site Tested | Recommendation | Chemical |
|-------------|-------------|-----------------|----------|
| Redeye Bass | Hwy 19 | No Restrictions | |

Chestatee River (Tsnatee River to Lake Lanier)

Chattahoochee River Basin

| Species | Site Tested | Recommendation | Chemical |
|--------------|--------------------|-----------------|----------|
| Catfish Spp. | Downstream Ga. 400 | No Restrictions | |
| Spotted Bass | Downstream Ga. 400 | 1 meal/week | Mercury |
| Sunfish Spp. | Downstream Ga. 400 | No Restrictions | |

Mud Creek (Near Lula, Hall County)**Chattahoochee River Basin**

| Species | Site Tested | Recommendation | Chemical |
|-----------------|----------------------|-----------------|----------|
| Channel Catfish | Pea Ridge Rd nr Lula | No Restrictions | |
| Largemouth Bass | Pea Ridge Rd nr Lula | 1 meal/month | Mercury |

Mud Creek (Near Powder Springs, Cobb County)**Chattahoochee River Basin**

| Species | Site Tested | Recommendation | Chemical |
|------------------|-------------|-----------------|----------|
| Bluegill Sunfish | Ga. Hwy 360 | No Restrictions | |

Nickajack Creek (Cobb County)**Chattahoochee River Basin**

| Species | Site Tested | Recommendation | Chemical |
|------------------|------------------|-----------------|----------|
| Bluegill Sunfish | Cooper Lake Road | No Restrictions | |

Olley Creek (Near Austell, Cobb County)**Chattahoochee River Basin**

| Species | Site Tested | Recommendation | Chemical |
|-------------------|-------------|-----------------|----------|
| Redbreast Sunfish | Clay Road | No Restrictions | |

Proctor Creek (near Atlanta, Ga., Fulton County)**Chattahoochee River Basin**

| Species | Site Tested | Recommendation | Chemical |
|---------------------------|---------------------------|----------------|------------------------------------|
| Redbreast & Green Sunfish | N. Ave/James Jackson Pkwy | 1 meal/month | PCBs, Dieldrin, Heptachlor Epoxide |
| Yellow & Brown Bullhead | N. Ave/James Jackson Pkwy | 1 meal/week | PCBs, Dieldrin, Heptachlor Epoxide |

Sewell Mill Creek (Cobb County)**Chattahoochee River Basin**

| Species | Site Tested | Recommendation | Chemical |
|------------------|-------------|-----------------|----------|
| Bluegill Sunfish | Ga. Hwy 120 | No Restrictions | |

Upatoi Creek**Chattahoochee River Basin**

| Species | Site Tested | Recommendation | Chemical |
|-----------------|-------------|----------------|----------|
| Largemouth Bass | Above Mouth | 1 meal/week | Mercury |
| Spotted Bass | Above Mouth | 1 meal/week | Mercury |

Allatoona Creek (Cobb County)**Coosa River Basin**

| Species | Site Tested | Recommendation | Chemical |
|-------------------|-------------|-----------------|----------|
| Redbreast Sunfish | Ga. Hwy 176 | No Restrictions | |
| Spotted Bass | Ga. Hwy 176 | 1 meal/week | Mercury |

Chattooga River (Northwest Georgia)**Coosa River Basin**

| Species | Site Tested | Recommendation | Chemical |
|------------------|----------------|-----------------|----------|
| Bluegill Sunfish | Chattoogaville | No Restrictions | |
| Black Crappie | Chattoogaville | No Restrictions | |

Conasauga River (Headwaters in Cohutta Nat'l Forest)**Coosa River Basin**

| Species | Site Tested | Recommendation | Chemical |
|---------------|--------------------|-----------------|----------|
| Rainbow Trout | Upstream Rough Cr. | No Restrictions | |

**Conasauga River:
State Line to Hwy 286 (Hwy 2)**

Coosa River Basin

| Species | Site Tested | Recommendation | Chemical |
|---------------|-------------|-----------------|----------|
| Black Crappie | Ga. Hwy 2 | No Restrictions | |
| Spotted Bass | Ga. Hwy 2 | 1 meal/week | Mercury |

**Conasauga River:
Hwy 286 to Calhoun (Old Tilton Bridge)**

Coosa River Basin

| Species | Site Tested | Recommendation | Chemical |
|-----------------|-------------------|-----------------|----------|
| Channel Catfish | Old Tilton Bridge | 1 meal/week | PCBs |
| Spotted Bass | Old Tilton Bridge | No Restrictions | |
| White Bass | Old Tilton Bridge | 1 meal/month | PCBs |

Coosa River (River Mile Zero to Hwy 100)

Coosa River Basin

| Species | Site Tested | Recommendation | Chemical |
|-------------------|------------------------|-----------------|---------------|
| Black Crappie | River Mile 2, Rome | No Restrictions | |
| Blue Catfish <32" | River Mile 2 & Hwy 100 | 1 meal/month | PCBs |
| Blue Catfish >32" | River Mile 2 & Hwy 100 | 1 meal/month | Mercury, PCBs |
| Largemouth Bass | River Mile 2, Rome | 1 meal/week | Mercury, PCBs |
| Spotted Bass | River Mile 2, Rome | 1 meal/week | Mercury |
| White Bass | Below May's Bar | No Restrictions | |

Coosa River (Hwy 100 to Stateline)

Coosa River Basin

| Species | Site Tested | Recommendation | Chemical |
|-------------------|------------------------------------|-----------------|---------------|
| Black Crappie | Foster Bend | 1 meal/week | PCBs |
| Blue Catfish <32" | Hwy 100 | 1 meal/week | Mercury |
| Blue Catfish >32" | Hwy 100 | 1 meal/week | Mercury, |
| Channel Catfish | Below Hwy 100 and at Brushy Branch | 1 meal/month | PCBs |
| Flathead Catfish | Hwy 100 | 1 meal/week | Mercury |
| Largemouth Bass | Below Hwy 100 and at Brushy Branch | 1 meal/week | Mercury, PCBs |
| Spotted Bass | Below Hwy 100 and at Brushy Branch | No Restrictions | |
| White Bass | Hwy 100 to Stateline | 1 meal/week | Toxaphene |

**Coosa River: Special Striped Bass
(River mile Zero in Rome to Stateline/Lake Weiss)**

Coosa River Basin

| Species | Site Tested | Recommendation | Chemical |
|-------------------|-------------------------|----------------|----------|
| Striped Bass <22" | Multiple sites on Coosa | 1 meal/month | PCBs |
| Striped Bass >22" | Multiple sites on Coosa | 1 meal/month | PCBs |

Note: One population of striped bass migrates annually between Lake Weiss and locations on the Coosa, Etowah (below Thompson-Weinman Dam) and Oostanaula Rivers. Sampled population represents these stretches of river.

Coosawattee River (Below Carters Lake Dam)**Coosa River Basin**

| Species | Site Tested | Recommendation | Chemical |
|------------------|----------------|-----------------|----------|
| Bluegill Sunfish | Owens Gin Road | No Restrictions | |
| Largemouth Bass | At US Hwy 441 | 1 meal/week | Mercury |
| Redeye Bass | Owens Gin Road | 1 meal/week | Mercury |
| Spotted Bass | At US Hwy 441 | No Restrictions | |

Etowah River (Above Lake Allatoona, Cherokee County)**Coosa River Basin**

| Species | Site Tested | Recommendation | Chemical |
|--------------|-------------|----------------|----------|
| Spotted Bass | SR 5 Spur | 1 meal/week | Mercury |
| White Bass | SR 5 Spur | 1 meal/week | Mercury |

Etowah River (Below Lake Allatoona, Bartow/Floyd Counties)**Coosa River Basin**

| Species | Site Tested | Recommendation | Chemical |
|------------------|-----------------------|-----------------|---------------|
| Bluegill Sunfish | Below Allatoona Dam | No Restrictions | |
| Channel Catfish | U.S. Hwy 411 | No Restrictions | |
| Spotted Bass | Below Allatoona Dam | 1 meal/week | Mercury, PCBs |
| Striped Bass * | Below Allatoona Dam * | No Restrictions | |

*See also "Coosa River: Special Striped Bass"

Jones Creek (U.S. Forest Service Rd. 28-1)**Coosa River Basin**

| Species | Site Tested | Recommendation | Chemical |
|-------------|----------------|-----------------|----------|
| Brown Trout | Lumpkin County | No Restrictions | |

Little Dry Creek (Floyd County)**Coosa River Basin**

| Species | Site Tested | Recommendation | Chemical |
|------------------|-------------|----------------|--------------------|
| Bluegill Sunfish | Near Rome | 1 meal/month | Antimony, Thallium |

Mill Creek (Whitfield County)**Coosa River Basin**

| Species | Site Tested | Recommendation | Chemical |
|-------------------|-------------|-----------------|----------|
| Redbreast Sunfish | Near Dalton | No Restrictions | |

Noonday Creek**Coosa River Basin**

| Species | Site Tested | Recommendation | Chemical |
|-------------------|-------------|-----------------|----------|
| Redbreast Sunfish | Cobb County | No Restrictions | |

Oostanula River (Floyd/Gordon Counties)**Coosa River Basin**

| Species | Site Tested | Recommendation | Chemical |
|------------------|--------------------------------------|-----------------|----------|
| Bluegill Sunfish | Ga. Hwy 156, Calhoun, GA. Hwy 140 | No Restrictions | |
| Channel Catfish | Ga. Hwy 140 | No Restrictions | |
| Spotted Bass | Ga. Hwy 140 | 1 meal/week | Mercury |

See also "Coosa River: Special Striped Bass"

Proctor Creek (Near Acworth, Cobb County)*Coosa River Basin*

| Species | Site Tested | Recommendation | Chemical |
|---------------|------------------------|-----------------|----------|
| Green Sunfish | Ga. Hwy 293, Old US 41 | No Restrictions | |

Swamp Creek (Whitfield County)*Coosa River Basin*

| Species | Site Tested | Recommendation | Chemical |
|-------------|-------------------|----------------|----------|
| Redeye Bass | Redwine Cove Road | 1 meal/week | Mercury |

Talking Rock Creek (Downtown Talking Rock, Pickens County)*Coosa River Basin*

| Species | Site Tested | Recommendation | Chemical |
|-------------|----------------------|----------------|----------|
| Redeye Bass | Near Fire Department | 1 meal/week | Mercury |

Beaver Creek (Tributary to Patsiliga Creek)*Flint River Basin*

| Species | Site Tested | Recommendation | Chemical |
|-----------------|---------------|----------------|----------------------|
| Yellow Bullhead | Taylor County | 1 meal/month | Mercury, Thallium |

Flint River (Spalding/Fayette Counties)*Flint River Basin*

| Species | Site Tested | Recommendation | Chemical |
|-----------------|-------------|-----------------|----------|
| Largemouth Bass | Ga. Hwy 92 | 1 meal/week | Mercury |
| Shoal Bass | Ga. Hwy 92 | No Restrictions | |

Flint River (Meriwether/Pike/Upson Counties)*Flint River Basin*

| Species | Site Tested | Recommendation | Chemical |
|-----------------|-------------|-----------------|----------|
| Black Bass Spp. | Ga. Hwy 18 | 1 meal/week | Mercury |
| Catfish Spp. | Ga. Hwy 18 | No Restrictions | |
| Sunfish Spp. | Ga. Hwy 18 | No Restrictions | |

Flint River (Taylor County)*Flint River Basin*

| Species | Site Tested | Recommendation | Chemical |
|-----------------|-------------|-----------------|----------|
| Catfish Spp. | U.S. Hwy 80 | No Restrictions | |
| Largemouth Bass | U.S. Hwy 80 | 1 meal/week | Mercury |
| Shoal Bass | U.S. Hwy 80 | No Restrictions | |
| Striped Bass | U.S. Hwy 80 | No Restrictions | |

Flint River (Above Lake Blackshear, Macon/Dooly Counties)*Flint River Basin*

| Species | Site Tested | Recommendation | Chemical |
|-----------------|------------------------|-----------------|----------|
| Black Bass Spp. | Oglethorpe, Ga. Hwy 49 | 1 meal/week | Mercury |
| Channel Catfish | Oglethorpe, Ga. Hwy 49 | No Restrictions | |

Flint River (Below Lake Blackshear, Worth/Lee Counties)*Flint River Basin*

| Species | Site Tested | Recommendation | Chemical |
|-----------------|------------------------|-----------------|----------|
| Black Bass Spp. | No. Albany, Ga. Hwy 32 | No Restrictions | |
| Channel Catfish | No. Albany, Ga. Hwy 32 | No Restrictions | |

Flint River (Dougherty/Baker/Mitchell Counties)*Flint River Basin*

| Species | Site Tested | Recommendation | Chemical |
|-------------------------|----------------------|-----------------|----------|
| Flathead Catfish <16" | - | No Restrictions | |
| Flathead Catfish 16-30" | Above Newton, GA | 1 meal/week | Mercury |
| Flathead Catfish >30" | - | 1 meal/week | Mercury |
| Largemouth Bass | Below Albany & Merck | No Restrictions | |

Flint River (Decatur County)*Flint River Basin*

| Species | Site Tested | Recommendation | Chemical |
|-----------------|---------------------------|-----------------|----------|
| Black Bass Spp. | East Bank near Bainbridge | No Restrictions | |

Gum Creek*Flint River Basin*

| Species | Site Tested | Recommendation | Chemical |
|-----------------|--------------|----------------|----------|
| Largemouth Bass | Crisp County | 1 meal/week | Mercury |

Ichawaynochaway Creek*Flint River Basin*

| Species | Site Tested | Recommendation | Chemical |
|-----------------|------------------|----------------|----------|
| Largemouth Bass | Cordays Millpond | 1 meal/week | Mercury |

Kinchafoonee Creek (Sumter/Lee Counties)*Flint River Basin*

| Species | Site Tested | Recommendation | Chemical |
|-----------------|-------------------|-----------------|----------|
| Black Bass Spp. | Ga. Hwy 49 to 118 | 1 meal/week | Mercury |
| Sucker | | No Restrictions | |

Muckalee Creek (Sumter/Lee Counties)*Flint River Basin*

| Species | Site Tested | Recommendation | Chemical |
|-----------------|------------------------------------|----------------|----------|
| Black Bass Spp. | McLittle Bridge Rd. to Ga. Hwy 118 | 1 meal/week | Mercury |

Patsiliga Creek (Upstream of Beaver Creek, Taylor County)*Flint River Basin*

| Species | Site Tested | Recommendation | Chemical |
|-----------------|---------------------|-----------------|----------|
| Chain Pickerel | McCants Millpond to | 1 meal/week | Mercury |
| Largemouth Bass | McCants Millpond to | No Restrictions | |

Patsiliga Creek (Downstream of Beaver Creek)*Flint River Basin*

| Species | Site Tested | Recommendation | Chemical |
|-------------|---------------|----------------|----------|
| Bass Spp. * | Taylor County | 1 meal/month | Mercury |

*Bass: Largemouth & Shoal

Spring Creek (Seminole/Decatur/Miller Counties)*Flint River Basin*

| Species | Site Tested | Recommendation | Chemical |
|-----------------|-------------|----------------|----------|
| Largemouth Bass | Ga. Hwy 84 | 1 meal/week | Mercury |
| Sunfish Spp. | Ga. Hwy 84 | 1 meal/week | Mercury |

Ochlockonee River (Moultrie to Thomasville)***Ochlockonee River Basin***

| Species | Site Tested | Recommendation | Chemical |
|-----------------|-------------|----------------|----------|
| Catfish Spp. | Hwy 19 | 1 meal/week | Mercury |
| Largemouth Bass | Hwy 19 | 1 meal/month | Mercury |
| Sunfish Spp. | Hwy 19 | 1 meal/week | Mercury |
| Warmouth | Hwy 19 | 1 meal/week | Mercury |

Ochlockonee River (Thomasville to State Line)***Ochlockonee River Basin***

| Species | Site Tested | Recommendation | Chemical |
|-----------------|-------------|-----------------|----------|
| Largemouth Bass | Ga. Hwy 93 | 1 meal/month | Mercury |
| Sunfish Spp. | Ga. Hwy 93 | No Restrictions | |

Ocmulgee River (Butts/Monroe Counties)***Ocmulgee River Basin***

| Species | Site Tested | Recommendation | Chemical |
|-----------------|--------------------|-----------------|----------|
| Catfish Spp. | Below Lake Jackson | No Restrictions | |
| Largemouth Bass | Below Lake Jackson | No Restrictions | |
| Spotted Bass | Below Lake Jackson | No Restrictions | |

Ocmulgee River (Jones/Monroe Counties)***Ocmulgee River Basin***

| Species | Site Tested | Recommendation | Chemical |
|-----------------|-------------|-----------------|----------|
| Channel Catfish | Popes Ferry | No Restrictions | |
| Largemouth Bass | Popes Ferry | No Restrictions | |
| Shoal Bass | Popes Ferry | 1 meal/week | Mercury |

Ocmulgee River (Bibb County)***Ocmulgee River Basin***

| Species | Site Tested | Recommendation | Chemical |
|------------------|--|-----------------|----------|
| Black Crappie | 6 Miles Downstream of Tobesofkee Creek | 1 meal/week | Mercury |
| Channel Catfish | 6 Miles Downstream of Tobesofkee Creek | No Restrictions | |
| Flathead Catfish | 6 Miles Downstream of Tobesofkee Creek | No Restrictions | |
| Largemouth Bass | 6 Miles Downstream of Tobesofkee Creek | 1 meal/week | Mercury |

Ocmulgee River (Houston/Twiggs Counties)***Ocmulgee River Basin***

| Species | Site Tested | Recommendation | Chemical |
|------------------|-------------|-----------------|----------|
| Channel Catfish | Ga. Hwy 96 | No Restrictions | |
| Flathead Catfish | Ga. Hwy 96 | No Restrictions | |
| Largemouth Bass | Ga. Hwy 96 | 1 meal/week | Mercury |

Ocmulgee River (Pulaski County)***Ocmulgee River Basin***

| Species | Site Tested | Recommendation | Chemical |
|-----------------|--------------|-----------------|----------|
| Channel Catfish | Hawkinsville | 1 meal/week | Mercury |
| Largemouth Bass | Hawkinsville | No Restrictions | |

Ocmulgee River (Wilcox/Dodge/Ben Hill/Telfair Counties) *Ocmulgee River Basin*

| Species | Site Tested | Recommendation | Chemical |
|-------------------|--------------|-----------------|----------|
| Bluegill Sunfish | U.S. Hwy 280 | 1 meal/week | Mercury |
| Channel Catfish | U.S. Hwy 280 | No Restrictions | |
| Flathead Catfish | U.S. Hwy 280 | 1 meal/month | Mercury |
| Largemouth Bass | U.S. Hwy 441 | 1 meal/week | Mercury |
| Redbreast Sunfish | U.S. Hwy 280 | No Restrictions | |

Ocmulgee River (Telfair/Coffee/Jeff Davis Counties) *Ocmulgee River Basin*

| Species | Site Tested | Recommendation | Chemical |
|------------------|----------------------------|-----------------|----------|
| Blue Catfish | Hwy 221 | No Restrictions | |
| Channel Catfish | Jeff Davis County | No Restrictions | |
| Flathead Catfish | US Hwy 341/ Flat Tub Rd | 1 meal/week | Mercury |
| Largemouth Bass | US Hwy 341 | 1 meal/week | Mercury |

South River (DeKalb/Rockdale County) *Ocmulgee River Basin*

| Species | Site Tested | Recommendation | Chemical |
|------------------|------------------------|-----------------|----------|
| Bluegill Sunfish | Hwy 155, Panola Shoals | 1 meal/week | PCBs |
| Largemouth Bass | Hwy 155, Panola Shoals | No Restrictions | |
| Snail Bullhead | Hwy 155, Panola Shoals | 1 meal/week | PCBs |

South River (Henry County) *Ocmulgee River Basin*

| Species | Site Tested | Recommendation | Chemical |
|-----------------|-----------------------|-----------------|----------|
| Black Crappie | Snapping Shoals | 1 meal/week | PCBs |
| Channel Catfish | Below Snapping Shoals | No Restrictions | |
| Largemouth Bass | Snapping Shoals | No Restrictions | |
| Redear Sunfish | Snapping Shoals | No Restrictions | |
| Spotted Bass | Snapping Shoals | No Restrictions | |

South River (Butts County) *Ocmulgee River Basin*

| Species | Site Tested | Recommendation | Chemical |
|-----------------|-------------|-----------------|----------|
| Black Crappie | Ga. Hwy 36 | No Restrictions | |
| Brown Bullhead | Ga. Hwy 36 | No Restrictions | |
| Channel Catfish | Ga. Hwy 36 | 1 meal/week | PCBs |
| Largemouth Bass | Ga. Hwy 36 | No Restrictions | |
| Redear Sunfish | Ga. Hwy 36 | No Restrictions | |
| Snail Bullhead | Ga. Hwy 36 | No Restrictions | |
| White Catfish | Ga. Hwy 36 | No Restrictions | |

Yellow River***Ocmulgee River Basin***

| Species | Site Tested | Recommendation | Chemical |
|-----------------|-------------|-----------------|----------|
| Channel Catfish | Hwy 36 | No Restrictions | |
| Largemouth Bass | Hwy 36 | No Restrictions | |

Apalachee River***Oconee River Basin***

| Species | Site Tested | Recommendation | Chemical |
|-----------------|-----------------|-----------------|----------|
| Blue Catfish | Apalachee Beach | No Restrictions | |
| Channel Catfish | Apalachee Beach | No Restrictions | |
| Largemouth Bass | Apalachee Beach | No Restrictions | |

Middle Oconee River (Above & Below Athens)***Oconee River Basin***

| Species | Site Tested | Recommendation | Chemical |
|-------------------|--------------------|-----------------|----------|
| Redbreast Sunfish | Mitchell Bridge Rd | No Restrictions | |

North Oconee River (Above and Below Athens, Clarke County)***Oconee River Basin***

| Species | Site Tested | Recommendation | Chemical |
|-------------------|---|-----------------|----------|
| Flat Bullhead | Whitehall Rd. (Below) | No Restrictions | |
| Redbreast Sunfish | Newton Bridge Road Whitehall Rd. (Below) | No Restrictions | |

**Oconee River (Clarke/Oconee/Greene Counties)/Cedar Creek
Barnett Shoals Dam to Lake Oconee*****Oconee River Basin***

| Species | Site Tested | Recommendation | Chemical |
|------------------|----------------------|-----------------|----------|
| Bluegill Sunfish | Barnett Shoals Drive | No Restrictions | |
| Catfish Spp. | Ga. Hwy 15 | No Restrictions | |
| Largemouth Bass | Barnett Shoals Drive | 1 meal/week | Mercury |
| Spotted Bass | Barnett Shoals Drive | No Restrictions | |

Oconee River (Baldwin/Wilkinson Counties)***Oconee River Basin***

| Species | Site Tested | Recommendation | Chemical |
|------------------|-------------------------|-----------------|----------|
| Channel Catfish | Milledgeville to Dublin | No Restrictions | |
| Flathead Catfish | Milledgeville to Dublin | No Restrictions | |
| Largemouth Bass | Bear Dam WMA | 1 meal/week | Mercury |

Oconee River (Laurens County)***Oconee River Basin***

| Species | Site Tested | Recommendation | Chemical |
|-------------------|-------------|-----------------|----------|
| Channel Catfish | I-16 | No Restrictions | |
| Flathead Catfish | I-16 | 1 meal/week | Mercury |
| Largemouth Bass | I-16 | No Restrictions | |
| Redbreast Sunfish | I-16 | No Restrictions | |

Canoochee River (Hwy 192 to Ogeechee River)***Ogeechee River Basin***

| Species | Site Tested | Recommendation | Chemical |
|-----------------|---------------------------|----------------|----------|
| Catfish Spp. | Daisy Nevils Rd. nr Daisy | 1 meal/week | Mercury |
| Largemouth Bass | Daisy Nevils Rd. nr Daisy | 1 meal/month | Mercury |
| Sunfish Spp. | Daisy Nevils Rd. nr Daisy | 1 meal/month | Mercury |
| Snail Bullhead | Daisy Nevils Rd. nr Daisy | 1 meal/month | Mercury |

Ogeechee River (Jefferson County, Louisville)***Ogeechee River Basin***

| Species | Site Tested | Recommendation | Chemical |
|-------------------|-------------|----------------|----------|
| Bullhead | U.S. Hwy 1 | 1 meal/month | Mercury |
| Largemouth Bass | U.S. Hwy 1 | 1 meal/month | Mercury |
| Redbreast Sunfish | U.S. Hwy 1 | 1 meal/week | Mercury |

Ogeechee River (Burke County, Midville)***Ogeechee River Basin***

| Species | Site Tested | Recommendation | Chemical |
|-------------------|-------------|----------------|----------|
| Largemouth Bass | Ga. Hwy 56 | 1 meal/month | Mercury |
| Redbreast Sunfish | Ga. Hwy 56 | 1 meal/week | Mercury |

Ogeechee River (Jenkins County, Millen)***Ogeechee River Basin***

| Species | Site Tested | Recommendation | Chemical |
|-------------------|---------------|-----------------|----------|
| Flat Bullhead | Scarboro Road | 1 meal/week | Mercury |
| Hybrid Bass | U.S. Hwy 25 | 1 meal/week | Mercury |
| Largemouth Bass | Scarboro Road | 1 meal/week | Mercury |
| Redbreast Sunfish | Scarboro Road | No Restrictions | |
| Snail Bullhead | U.S. Hwy 25 | No Restrictions | |
| Striped Bass | U.S. Hwy 25 | 1 meal/week | Mercury |

Ogeechee River (Bulloch County, near Statesboro)***Ogeechee River Basin***

| Species | Site Tested | Recommendation | Chemical |
|-------------------|--------------|-----------------|----------|
| Channel Catfish | U.S. Hwy 301 | 1 meal/week | Mercury |
| Largemouth Bass | U.S. Hwy 301 | 1 meal/month | Mercury |
| Redbreast Sunfish | U.S. Hwy 301 | No Restrictions | |
| Snail Bullhead | U.S. Hwy 301 | 1 meal/week | Mercury |
| Yellow Bullhead | U.S. Hwy 301 | 1 meal/week | Mercury |

Ogeechee River (Bulloch/Effingham Counties)***Ogeechee River Basin***

| Species | Site Tested | Recommendation | Chemical |
|-------------------|-------------|----------------|---------------|
| Bluegill Sunfish | Hwy 119 | 1 meal/week | Mercury |
| Largemouth Bass | Hwy 119 | 1 meal/week | Mercury |
| Redbreast Sunfish | Hwy 119 | 1 meal/week | Mercury, PCBs |

Ogeechee River (Bryan County, Black Ck near Ellabelle) *Ogeechee River Basin*

| Species | Site Tested | Recommendation | Chemical |
|-------------------|-------------------------------|----------------|----------|
| Channel Catfish | Black Creek at Ogeechee | 1 meal/month | Mercury |
| Largemouth Bass | Black Creek at Ogeechee River | 1 meal/month | Mercury |
| Redbreast Sunfish | Black Creek at Ogeechee | 1 meal/week | Mercury |

Ogeechee River (Near Ft. McAllister) *Ogeechee River Basin*

| Species | Site Tested | Recommendation | Chemical |
|----------------|-----------------|-----------------|----------|
| Striped Mullet | Fort McAllister | No Restrictions | |

Short Creek (Warren County) *Ogeechee River Basin*

| Species | Site Tested | Recommendation | Chemical |
|--------------|---------------|----------------|----------|
| Sunfish Spp. | Warren County | 1 meal/week | Mercury |

Satilla River (Near Waycross, Ware/Brantley Counties) *Satilla River Basin*

| Species | Site Tested | Recommendation | Chemical |
|-------------------|------------------------|----------------|----------|
| Bullhead | U.S. Hwy 84 | 1 meal/week | Mercury |
| Flathead Catfish | CCC to Warners Landing | 1 meal/week | Mercury |
| Largemouth Bass | U.S. Hwy 84 | 1 meal/month | Mercury, |
| Redbreast Sunfish | U.S. Hwy 84 | 1 meal/week | PCBs |

Satilla River (Folkston, Burnt Fort, Charlton/Camden Counties) *Satilla River Basin*

| Species | Site Tested | Recommendation | Chemical |
|-----------------------|-------------|----------------|----------|
| Bullhead-Catfish Spp. | Ga. Hwy 252 | 1 meal/week | Mercury |
| Flathead Catfish <30" | Ga. Hwy 252 | 1 meal/month | Mercury |
| Flathead Catfish >30" | Ga. Hwy 252 | 1 meal/month | Mercury |
| Largemouth Bass | Ga. Hwy 252 | 1 meal/month | Mercury |
| Sunfish Spp. | Ga. Hwy 252 | 1 meal/week | Mercury |
| White Catfish | Ga. Hwy 252 | 1 meal/week | Mercury |

Brier Creek (Burke County) *Savannah River Basin*

| Species | Site Tested | Recommendation | Chemical |
|-----------------|-------------|----------------|----------|
| Largemouth Bass | Ga. Hwy 56 | 1 meal/month | Mercury |

Chattooga River (Northeast Georgia, Rabun County) *Savannah River Basin*

| Species | Site Tested | Recommendation | Chemical |
|-------------------|-------------------------|-----------------|-------------------|
| Brown Trout | Burrell's Ford Bridge | No Restrictions | |
| Green Sunfish | Hwy 28 nr Pine Mountain | No Restrictions | |
| Redbreast Sunfish | Burrell's Ford Bridge | 1 meal/week | Mercury |
| Redeye Bass | Hwy 28 nr Pine Mountain | 1 meal/week | Mercury, Selenium |

Coleman River (Near Mouth, Rabun County)**Savannah River Basin**

| Species | Site Tested | Recommendation | Chemical |
|---------------|--------------------|-----------------|----------|
| Rainbow Trout | Near Tate City Rd. | No Restrictions | |

Ebenezer Creek**Savannah River Basin**

| Species | Site Tested | Recommendation | Chemical |
|------------------|----------------------|----------------|----------|
| Bluegill Sunfish | Tommy Long Boat Ramp | 1 meal/week | Mercury |
| Largemouth Bass | Tommy Long Boat Ramp | 1 meal/month | Mercury |
| White Catfish | Tommy Long Boat Ramp | 1 meal/week | Mercury |

Panther Creek (Stephens County)**Savannah River Basin**

| Species | Site Tested | Recommendation | Chemical |
|------------------|-------------------|-----------------|----------|
| Bluegill Sunfish | At Yonah Dam Road | No Restrictions | |
| Channel Catfish | At Yonah Dam Road | 1 meal/week | Mercury |
| Flat Bullhead | At Yonah Dam Road | 1 meal/week | Mercury |
| Largemouth Bass | At Yonah Dam Road | 1 meal/week | Mercury |
| White Catfish | At Yonah Dam Road | 1 meal/week | Mercury |

Savannah River (Below Clarks Hill Dam, Columbia County)**Savannah River Basin**

| Species | Site Tested | Recommendation | Chemical |
|-----------------|---|-----------------|----------|
| Largemouth Bass | Above New Savannah Bluff Lock & Dam | No Restrictions | |
| Striped Mullet | Above New Savannah Bluff Lock & Dam | No Restrictions | |
| Sunfish Spp. | Above New Savannah Bluff Lock & Dam/SR 28 | No Restrictions | |

Savannah River (Richmond/Burke Counties)**Savannah River Basin**

| Species | Site Tested | Recommendation | Chemical |
|------------------|--|-----------------|----------|
| Flathead Catfish | Plant Vogtle | No Restrictions | |
| Largemouth Bass | Below New Savannah Bluff Lock & Dam/Olin | 1 meal/week | Mercury |
| Striped Mullet | Below New Savannah Bluff Lock & Dam/Olin | No Restrictions | |

Specific consumption guidelines have not been issued for the radionuclides cesium-137 & strontium-90, in the Savannah River (Burke/Scriven Counties), adjacent to the Savannah River Site (SRS). Guidance on mercury were evaluated and deemed to be protective.

Savannah River (Scriven County)**Savannah River Basin**

| Species | Site Tested | Recommendation | Chemical |
|------------------|--------------|-----------------|----------|
| Bluegill Sunfish | U.S. Hwy 301 | 1 meal/week | Mercury |
| Channel Catfish | U.S. Hwy 301 | No Restrictions | |
| Flathead Catfish | U.S. Hwy 301 | No Restrictions | |
| Largemouth Bass | U.S. Hwy 301 | 1 meal/month | Mercury |
| Redear Sunfish | U.S. Hwy 301 | No Restrictions | |

Specific consumption guidelines have not been issued for the radionuclides cesium-137 & strontium-90, in the Savannah River (Burke/Scriven Counties), adjacent to the Savannah River Site (SRS). Guidance on mercury were evaluated and deemed to be protective.

Savannah River (Effingham County)**Savannah River Basin**

| Species | Site Tested | Recommendation | Chemical |
|-----------------|-------------|-----------------|----------|
| Channel Catfish | Ga. Hwy 119 | No Restrictions | |
| Largemouth Bass | Ga. Hwy 119 | 1 meal/week | Mercury |
| Sunfish Spp. | Ga. Hwy 119 | No Restrictions | |

Savannah River (Fort Howard)**Savannah River Basin**

| Species | Site Tested | Recommendation | Chemical |
|-------------------|------------------------------------|-----------------|----------|
| Bowfin | Near Rincon | 1 meal/month | Mercury |
| Channel Catfish | U.S. Hwy 17 | No Restrictions | |
| Largemouth Bass | Near Rincon, I-95, and U.S. Hwy 17 | 1 meal/week | Mercury |
| Redbreast Sunfish | Near Rincon | No Restrictions | |
| White Catfish | Near Rincon | 1 meal/week | Mercury |

Savannah River (Tidal Gate)**Savannah River Basin**

| Species | Site Tested | Recommendation | Chemical |
|---------------|-------------|----------------|----------|
| White Catfish | Tidal Gate | 1 meal/week | Mercury |

**Savannah River: Special Striped Bass
(New Savannah Bluff Lock & Dam to Estuary, Chatham Co.)****Savannah River Basin**

| Species | Site Tested | Recommendation | Chemical |
|--|--|----------------|-------------------------|
| Striped Bass 26" and greater in length | Multiple locations, over section noted above | 1 meal/month * | Mercury, PCBs, Thallium |

* Because there is considerable variation in how much mercury these large predatory fish contain, people who are considered to be especially sensitive to the effects of mercury (pregnant women, nursing mothers and young children), may wish to limit their consumption further than listed above.

Note: one population of striped bass migrates annually between the Savannah estuary and New Savannah Bluff Lock and Dam. Current minimum legal size is 26 inches.

Spirit Creek**Savannah River Basin**

| Species | Site Tested | Recommendation | Chemical |
|------------------|-----------------------------|----------------|-------------------|
| Bluegill Sunfish | Above Richmond Factory Pond | Do Not Eat | Mercury, Thallium |
| Largemouth Bass | Above Richmond Factory Pond | Do Not Eat | Thallium |
| Redear Sunfish | Above Richmond Factory Pond | Do Not Eat | Thallium |

Tallahulah River**Savannah River Basin**

| Species | Site Tested | Recommendation | Chemical |
|---------------|---------------------|-----------------|----------|
| Rainbow Trout | Charlies Creek Road | No Restrictions | |

Tributary to Hudson River (Alto, Ga., Banks County)***Savannah River Basin***

| Species | Site Tested | Recommendation | Chemical |
|----------------|-------------------|-----------------|----------|
| Brown Bullhead | Below Alto Prison | No Restrictions | |
| Redeye Bass | Below Alto Prison | 1 meal/week | Mercury |

St. Marys River (Charlton County)***St. Marys River Basin***

| Species | Site Tested | Recommendation | Chemical |
|-------------------|-------------------------|-----------------|----------|
| Bluegill Sunfish | US Hwy 301 nr Folkston | 1 meal/week | Mercury |
| Channel Catfish | US Hwy 301 nr Folkston | 1 meal/week | Mercury |
| Largemouth Bass | US Hwy 301 nr Folkston | 1 meal/month | Mercury |
| Redbreast Sunfish | Near St. George (SR 94) | No Restrictions | |

St. Marys River (Camden County)***St. Marys River Basin***

| Species | Site Tested | Recommendation | Chemical |
|-------------------|-------------|-----------------|----------|
| Largemouth Bass | U.S. Hwy 17 | 1 meal/month | Mercury |
| Redbreast Sunfish | U.S. Hwy 17 | 1 meal/week | Mercury |
| Striped Mullet | U.S. Hwy 17 | No Restrictions | |

Alapaha River (Tifton to Stockton)***Suwannee River Basin***

| Species | Site Tested | Recommendation | Chemical |
|-------------------|---------------------------------------|----------------|----------|
| Bullhead | Near Statenville | 1 meal/month | Mercury |
| Largemouth Bass | Near Statenville, U.S.Hwy 82 to 84 | 1 meal/month | Mercury |
| Redbreast Sunfish | Near Statenville, U.S.Hwy 82 to 84 | 1 meal/week | Mercury |

Alapahoochee River (Near State Line)***Suwannee River Basin***

| Species | Site Tested | Recommendation | Chemical |
|----------|---------------|----------------|----------|
| Bullhead | Echols County | 1 meal/week | Mercury |

Little River (West of Valdosta, Lowndes County)***Suwannee River Basin***

| Species | Site Tested | Recommendation | Chemical |
|-----------------|-------------------|----------------|----------|
| Largemouth Bass | Above Ga. Hwy 133 | 1 meal/week | Mercury |

Okefenokee Swamp (Stephen Foster State Park)***Suwannee River Basin***

| Species | Site Tested | Recommendation | Chemical |
|-----------------|----------------|----------------|----------|
| Bowfin | Billy's "Lake" | 1 meal/month | Mercury |
| Chain Pickerel | Billy's "Lake" | 1 meal/month | Mercury |
| Flier (sunfish) | Billy's "Lake" | 1 meal/week | Mercury |

Suwannee River (Clinch/Ware/Echols Counties)**Suwannee River Sill to State Line*****Suwannee River Basin***

| Species | Site Tested | Recommendation | Chemical |
|-----------------|----------------------------|-----------------|----------|
| Bowfin | U.S. Hwy 441 | 1 meal/month | Mercury |
| Chain Pickerel | Short Camp Road & U.S. 441 | 1 meal/week | Mercury |
| Flier | U.S. Hwy 441 | 1 meal/week | Mercury |
| Warmouth | U.S. Hwy 441 | No Restrictions | |
| Yellow Bullhead | U.S. Hwy 441 | No Restrictions | |

Withlacoochee River**(Hahira to State Line, Berrien/Lowndes Counties)*****Suwannee River Basin***

| Species | Site Tested | Recommendation | Chemical |
|-------------------|----------------------------|----------------|----------|
| Largemouth Bass | Below Hwy 84 | 1 meal/month | Mercury |
| Redbreast Sunfish | Below Hwy 84 Ga Hwy 122 | 1 meal/week | Mercury |

Buffalo Creek***Tallapoosa River Basin***

| Species | Site Tested | Recommendation | Chemical |
|------------------|----------------|-----------------|----------|
| Bluegill Sunfish | Carroll County | No Restrictions | |
| Brown Bullhead | Carroll County | 1 meal/week | PCBs |

Little Tallapoosa River***Tallapoosa River Basin***

| Species | Site Tested | Recommendation | Chemical |
|-----------------|-------------|-----------------|----------|
| Black Crappie | U.S. Hwy 27 | No Restrictions | |
| Brown Bullhead | U.S. Hwy 27 | No Restrictions | |
| Largemouth Bass | U.S. Hwy 27 | No Restrictions | |

Tallapoosa River***Tallapoosa River Basin***

| Species | Site Tested | Recommendation | Chemical |
|---------------|-------------|----------------|----------------------|
| Black Crappie | Ga Hwy 27 | Do Not Eat | Mercury, Thallium |

Little Tennessee River (Rabun County)***Tennessee River Basin***

| Species | Site Tested | Recommendation | Chemical |
|-------------------|----------------------|-----------------|----------|
| Redbreast Sunfish | Above John Kelly Rd. | No Restrictions | |

Rock Creek***Tennessee River Basin***

| Species | Site Tested | Recommendation | Chemical |
|---------------|-------------------------|-----------------|----------|
| Brown Trout | Southeast of Blue Ridge | No Restrictions | |
| Rainbow Trout | Southeast of Blue Ridge | No Restrictions | |

Georgia Estuarine Systems

Estuaries and freshwaters in Georgia are included in the watersheds of 14 different river basins, using the United States Geological Survey Hydrologic Unit Code (HUC), cataloging system. Estuarine systems often communicate with adjoining basins due to natural interconnections and manmade structures and actions such as causeways, tidal gates and dredging. Terry Creek, Dupree Creek, the Back River, Academy Creek and the lower Brunswick River are technically in the Satilla River Basin, but because of tidal dynamics, water exchange occurs between them and the Altamaha River system.

Savannah River Estuary

(New Savannah Bluff Lock & Dam to Estuary, Chatham Co.) *Savannah River Basin*

| Species | Site Tested | Recommendation | Chemical |
|---|-------------------|----------------|----------|
| Striped Bass 27" and greater in length | U.S. Hwy 17/SR 25 | 1 meal/month * | Mercury |
| * Because there is considerable variation in how much mercury these large predatory fish contain, people who are considered to be especially sensitive to the effects of mercury (pregnant women, nursing mothers and young children), may wish to limit their consumption further than listed above. | | | |
| Note: one population of striped bass migrates annually between the Savannah estuary and New Savannah Bluff Lock and Dam. Current minimum legal size is 27 inches. | | | |

Savannah River Estuary

Savannah River Basin

| Species | Site Tested | Recommendation | Chemical |
|----------------|-------------------|-----------------|----------|
| Sheepshead | CB_02_15762 | 1 meal/week | Mercury |
| Striped Mullet | U.S. Hwy 17/SR 25 | No Restrictions | |

Wassaw Sound

| Species | Site Tested | Recommendation | Chemical |
|------------------|-------------|-----------------|----------|
| Shrimp | Multiple | No Restrictions | |
| Spotted Seatrout | Multiple | No Restrictions | |

Ossabaw Sound

Ogeechee River Basin

| Species | Site Tested | Recommendation | Chemical |
|----------------|---|-----------------|----------|
| Blue Crab | Ogeechee River Ft McAllister/Vernon Riv | No Restrictions | |
| Striped Mullet | Ogeechee River Ft McAllister/Vernon Riv | No Restrictions | |

St Catherines Sound -

North Newport River (Upper) & Cay/Peacock Cks, Riceboro *Ogeechee River Basin*

| Species | Site Tested | Recommendation | Chemical |
|----------------|--|-----------------|----------|
| Blue Crab | N. Newport River Cay & Peacock Creeks nr. I-95 | 1 meal/week | Mercury |
| Striped Mullet | | No Restrictions | |

Sapelo Sound***Ogeechee River Basin***

| Species | Site Tested | Recommendation | Chemical |
|--------------|-------------|-----------------|----------|
| Brown Shrimp | Multiple | No Restrictions | |

Sapelo Sound—Mud River***Ogeechee River Basin***

| Species | Site Tested | Recommendation | Chemical |
|--------------|-------------|-----------------|----------|
| White Shrimp | Mud River | No Restrictions | |

Altamaha Sound***Altamaha River Basin***

| Species | Site Tested | Recommendation | Chemical |
|------------------|-------------------|-----------------|----------|
| Flounder | Below Hwy 17 | No Restrictions | |
| Spotted Seatrout | Multiple in Delta | No Restrictions | |
| Striped Mullet | Below Hwy 17 | No Restrictions | |

Village Creek***Altamaha River Basin***

| Species | Site Tested | Recommendation | Chemical |
|-------------------|--|-----------------|----------|
| Southern Flounder | Unnamed Trib to Village Ck West of Sea Island nr 22 nd St | No Restrictions | |
| Spotted Seatrout | Unnamed Trib to Village Ck West of Sea Island nr 22 nd St | No Restrictions | |

Academy Creek***Satilla River Basin***

| Species | Site Tested | Recommendation | Chemical |
|-----------|---------------|-----------------|----------|
| Blue Crab | Academy Creek | No Restrictions | |

Saint Simons Sound***Satilla River Basin***

| Species | Site Tested | Recommendation | Chemical |
|------------|-------------------------------|-----------------|----------|
| Tripletail | Northern end of Jekyll Island | No Restrictions | |

St Andrew Sound (Satilla River)***Satilla River Basin***

| Species | Site Tested | Recommendation | Chemical |
|-------------------|----------------------|-----------------|----------|
| Blue Crab | Mouth Of Floyd Creek | No Restrictions | |
| Southern Kingfish | Mouth Of Floyd Creek | No Restrictions | |
| Spot | Mouth Of Floyd Creek | No Restrictions | |
| Spotted Seatrout | at Satilla River | No Restrictions | |

Cumberland Sound***St. Mary's Basin***

| Species | Site Tested | Recommendation | Chemical |
|---------|-------------|-----------------|----------|
| Shrimp | Multiple | No Restrictions | |

SPECIAL LISTINGS

Turtle River System: Purris & Gibson Creeks (St. Simons Estuary)

Satilla River Basin

| Species | Site Tested | Recommendation | Chemical |
|-------------------------|------------------------|-----------------|---------------|
| Atlantic Croaker | Purris & Gibson Creeks | Do Not Eat | PCBs |
| Black Drum | | 1 meal/week | PCBs |
| Blue Crab | | 1 meal/week | Mercury |
| Red Drum | | 1 meal/week | PCBs |
| Sheepshead | | 1 meal/week | Mercury |
| Shrimp | | No Restrictions | |
| Southern Flounder | | 1 meal/week | PCBs |
| Southern Kingfish | | Do Not Eat | Mercury, PCBs |
| Spot | | 1 meal/month | PCBs |
| Spotted Seatrout | | 1 meal/month | Mercury, PCBs |
| Striped Mullet | | Do Not Eat | PCBs |
| Clams, Mussels, Oysters | | Not applicable | Do Not Eat |

* Shellfish Harvesting Prohibited : National Shellfish Sanitation Program. For information see Coastal Resources Division website: <https://coastalgadnr.org>

Turtle River System: Upper Turtle & Buffalo Rivers (St. Simons Estuary)

Satilla River Basin

| Species | Site Tested | Recommendation | Chemical |
|-------------------------|---|-----------------|----------------|
| Atlantic Croaker | Turtle and Buffalo Rivers, upriver of Georgia Hwy 303 | 1 meal/month | PCBs |
| Black Drum | | No Restrictions | |
| Blue Crab | | 1 meal/week | Mercury |
| Red Drum | | 1 meal/week | Mercury |
| Sheepshead | | 1 meal/week | Mercury, PCBs |
| Shrimp | | No Restrictions | |
| Southern Flounder | | No Restrictions | |
| Southern Kingfish | | 1 meal/week | Mercury, PCBs |
| Spot | | Do Not Eat | PCBs, Thallium |
| Spotted Seatrout | | 1 meal/week | Mercury |
| Striped Mullet | | 1 meal/month | PCBs |
| Clams, Mussels, Oysters | | Not applicable | Do Not Eat |

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**Turtle River System:
Middle Turtle River (St. Simons Estuary)**

Satilla River Basin

| Species | Site Tested | Recommendation | Chemical |
|-------------------------|---|-----------------|---------------|
| Atlantic Croaker | Turtle River from State Hwy 303 to Channel Marker 9 | 1 meal/month | PCBs |
| Black Drum | | 1 meal/week | PCBs |
| Blue Crab | | 1 meal/week | Mercury |
| Red Drum | | 1 meal/week | Mercury |
| Sheepshead | | 1 meal/week | Mercury, PCBs |
| Shrimp | | No Restrictions | |
| Southern Flounder | | No Restrictions | |
| Southern Kingfish | | 1 meal/month | PCBs |
| Spot | | 1 meal/month | PCBs |
| Spotted Seatrout | | 1 meal/week | Mercury, PCBs |
| Striped Mullet | | 1 meal/month | PCBs |
| Clams, Mussels, Oysters | | Not applicable | Do Not Eat |

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**Turtle River System:
Lower Turtle & South Brunswick Rivers (St. Simons Estuary)**

Satilla River Basin

| Species | Site Tested | Recommendation | Chemical |
|-------------------------|--|-----------------|---------------|
| Atlantic Croaker | Turtle River from Channel Marker 9 and South Brunswick River Downstream to Dubignon and Parsons Creeks | 1 meal/week | PCBs |
| Black Drum | | No Restrictions | |
| Blue Crab | | No Restrictions | |
| Red Drum | | No Restrictions | |
| Sheepshead | | 1 meal/week | Mercury, PCBs |
| Shrimp | | No Restrictions | |
| Southern Flounder | | No Restrictions | |
| Southern Kingfish | | 1 meal/week | Mercury, PCBs |
| Spot | | 1 meal/week | PCBs |
| Spotted Seatrout | | 1 meal/week | Mercury |
| Striped Mullet | | 1 meal/week | PCBs |
| Clams, Mussels, Oysters | | Not applicable | Do Not Eat |

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St. Simons Estuary:

Terry & Dupree Creeks & Back River to St. Simons Sound

Satilla River Basin

| Species | Site Tested | Recommendation | Chemical |
|--|--|----------------|--|
| Atlantic Croaker | Dupree Creek to 0.5 mile below junction with Terry Creek | 1 meal/month | Antimony, Arsenic, Thallium |
| Blue Crab | | 1 meal/month | Antimony, Arsenic, Thallium |
| Red Drum | | 1 meal/month | Arsenic, PCBs, Thallium |
| Southern Kingfish | | 1 meal/month | Antimony, Arsenic, PCBs, Thallium |
| Spot | | 1 meal/month | Antimony, Arsenic, Dieldrin, PCBs, Thallium, Toxaphene |
| Spotted Seatrout | | 1 meal/month | Antimony, PCBs, Thallium |
| Striped Mullet | | 1 meal/month | Antimony, Arsenic, Dieldrin, Heptachlor Epoxide, PCBs, Thallium, Toxaphene |
| Clams, Mussels, Oysters | Not applicable | Do Not Eat | Harvesting Prohibited* |
| * Shellfish Harvesting Prohibited : National Shellfish Sanitation Program. For information see Coastal Resources Division website: https://coastalgadnr.org | | | |

St. Simons Estuary:

Terry & Dupree Creeks & Back River to St. Simons Sound

Satilla River Basin

| Species | Site Tested | Recommendation | Chemical |
|--|---|----------------|--|
| Atlantic Croaker | Terry Creek 0.75 miles above Back River to the Back River | 1 meal/month | Arsenic, Thallium |
| Bluefish | | 1 meal/week | Arsenic |
| Blue Crab | | 1 meal/month | Antimony, Arsenic, Thallium |
| Red Drum | | 1 meal/month | Antimony, Arsenic, PCBs, Thallium |
| Southern Kingfish | | 1 meal/month | Antimony, Arsenic, PCBs, Thallium, Toxaphene |
| Spot | | 1 meal/month | Arsenic, PCBs, Thallium, Toxaphene |
| Spotted Seatrout | | 1 meal/month | Antimony, PCBs, Thallium |
| Striped Mullet | | 1 meal/month | Antimony, Arsenic, PCBs, Thallium |
| Clams, Mussels, Oysters | Not applicable | Do Not Eat | Harvesting Prohibited* |
| * Shellfish Harvesting Prohibited : National Shellfish Sanitation Program. For information see Coastal Resources Division website: https://coastalgadnr.org | | | |

**St. Simons Estuary:
Terry & Dupree Creeks & Back River to St. Simons Sound**

Satilla River Basin

| Species | Site Tested | Recommendation | Chemical |
|--|---|----------------|--------------------------------------|
| Atlantic Croaker | Back River above Terry Creek to the Torras Cause- way | 1 meal/month | Arsenic, Thallium |
| Bluefish | | 1 meal/week | Arsenic |
| Blue Crab | | 1 meal/month | Antimony, Arsenic, Thallium |
| Red Drum | | 1 meal/month | Arsenic, PCBs, Thallium |
| Southern Kingfish | | 1 meal/month | Antimony, Arsenic, PCBs, Thallium |
| Spot | | 1 meal/month | Arsenic, PCBs, Thallium |
| Spotted Seatrout | | 1 meal/month | Antimony, Arsenic, PCBs, Thallium |
| Striped Mullet | | 1 meal/week | Antimony, Arsenic, PCBs, Thallium |
| Clams, Mussels, Oysters | Not applicable | Do Not Eat | Harvesting Prohibited* |
| * Shellfish Harvesting Prohibited : National Shellfish Sanitation Program. For information see Coastal Resources Division website: https://coastalgadnr.org | | | |

**St. Simons Estuary:
Terry & Dupree Creeks & Back River to St. Simons Sound**

Satilla River Basin

| Species | Site Tested | Recommendation | Chemical |
|--|--|----------------|---|
| Atlantic Croaker | Back River from Torrass Causeway to Saint Simons Sound | 1 meal/month | Antimony Arsenic, PCBs, Thallium, Toxaphene |
| Bluefish | | 1 meal/week | Mercury |
| Blue Crab | | 1 meal/month | Antimony, Arsenic, Thallium |
| Red Drum | | 1 meal/month | Antimony, Arsenic, PCBs, Thallium |
| Southern Kingfish | | 1 meal/month | Antimony, Arsenic, Mercury, PCBs, Thallium |
| Spot | | 1 meal/month | Antimony, Arsenic, PCBs, Thallium, Toxaphene |
| Spotted Seatrout | | 1 meal/month | Antimony, Arsenic, PCBs, Thallium |
| Striped Mullet | | 1 meal/month | Antimony, Arsenic, PCBs, Thallium |
| Clams, Mussels, Oysters | Not applicable | Do Not Eat | Harvesting Prohibited* |
| * Shellfish Harvesting Prohibited : National Shellfish Sanitation Program. For information see Coastal Resources Division website: https://coastalgadnr.org | | | |

Atlantic Ocean

| Species | Location | Recommendation | Chemical |
|-----------------|---------------------|-----------------|----------|
| Summer Flounder | DRH Artificial Reef | 1 meal/week | Mercury |
| Summer Flounder | CDH Reef | No Restrictions | |
| Summer Flounder | HLHA Reef | 1 meal/week | Arsenic |
| Summer Flounder | J Artificial Reef | 1 meal/week | Arsenic |
| Summer Flounder | JY Artificial Reef | 1 meal/week | Arsenic |
| Summer Flounder | SFC Reef | 1 meal/week | Arsenic |

SPECIAL MERCURY GUIDANCE ON KING MACKEREL

The king mackerel is a migratory species with the Atlantic population ranging from South Florida through North Carolina and into the Mid-Atlantic. Georgia DNR officials began working with the other Southeast States to determine levels of mercury in king mackerel in 1998 after learning that Gulf Coast States initiated a similar program. Each State's findings documented consistent levels of mercury over a range of sizes with high levels found in large king mackerel.

On March 23, 2000, Georgia joined together with North Carolina, South Carolina and Florida in issuing a joint health advisory for the consumption of large king mackerel caught offshore in the South Atlantic Ocean that have been found to have high mercury concentrations. This advisory was issued to provide guidance on the safe consumption of king mackerel to the general public and sensitive populations such as pregnant women, nursing mothers and young children. It does not prevent fishermen from landing fish larger than 39 inches.

King Mackerel: Atlantic Ocean Offshore Georgia Coast

Atlantic Ocean

| Size Range (Fork Length = FL) | Recommendation |
|--|---|
| 24 to 33 inches | No Restrictions |
| 33 to 39 inches (a 33 inch fish weighs approximately 10 pounds) | 1 meal per month ** for pregnant women, nursing mothers and children age 12 and younger |
| | 1 meal per week ** for other adults |
| Over 39 inches (approximately 15 to 17 pounds) | Do Not Eat |
| King Mackerel are measured in Fork Length (FL), which is from the tip of the snout to the fork of the tail. The minimum legal size in Georgia is 24 inches FL, with a maximum daily creel limit of 3 fish per person. Federally permitted commercial fishermen are limited to 3500 pounds per trip, and a minimum size of 24 inches FL. ** One meal portion in this special guidance is 8 ounces or 1/2 pound. | |

King mackerel spawn along the continental shelf of the Atlantic Coast, rapidly growing to approximately 20 inches in length in the first year. Their diet consists almost exclusively of other fish. King mackerel typically have a maximum life span of 15 years, reaching approximately 4 feet in length and 25 to 30 pounds in weight. Most fish landed are considerably smaller. As a fast-growing, long-lived top predator, the king mackerel has a propensity for accumulating high levels of mercury.

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