

# **Guidelines For Eating Fish**

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USFDA: <http://www.cfsan.fda.gov/seafood.1html>

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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, polychlorinated biphenyls (PCBs), mercury, chlordane, DDT residues (DDT/DDE/DDD), 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 EPD 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, two contaminants, polychlorinated biphenyls (PCBs), and mercury, were frequently detected in significant amounts in a few species from some bodies of water in Georgia. Four additional contaminants, chlordane, DDT residues (DDT/DDE/DDD), toxaphene-like compounds, and dieldrin were also detected infrequently. This publication provides you with information on those six contaminants: PCBs, mercury, chlordane, DDT/DDE/DDD, 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 at only one site (Albany By-Pass Pond, pg.18), had enough DDE/DDD residues to recommend a restriction in consumption. The DDE/DDD contaminants are chemical breakdown products of the pesticide DDT. DDT was first synthesized in 1874 and its insecticidal properties were discovered in 1939. In the United States DDT was used extensively until 1969. The U.S. production of DDT was discontinued in 1969. Residues of DDE and DDD are persistent and break down slowly in the environment.

Striped mullet at only one site (Casey Canal, pg. 27), 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 carp and 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”. It’s 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, DDT/DDE/DDD, 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, DDT/DDD/DDE, toxaphene and dieldrin can cause cancer in laboratory animals exposed to large amounts, and may cause cancer in humans.

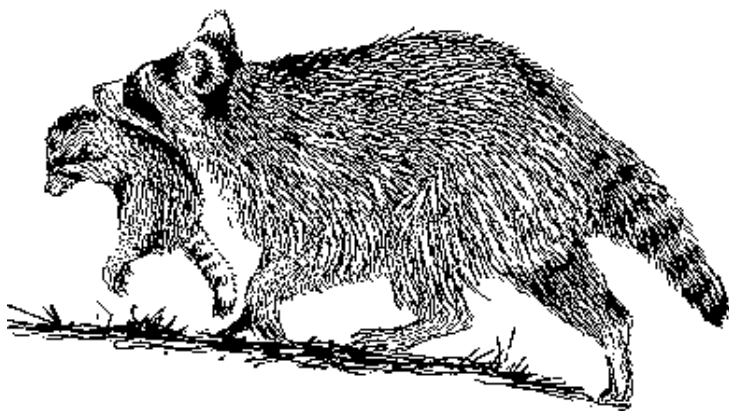
Effects other than cancer from these chemicals may include developmental problems in children whose mothers were exposed to them before or during pregnancy. Studies of people who have been exposed to very large quantities of these chemicals (pesticide workers, etc.), have indicated a relationship between 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**

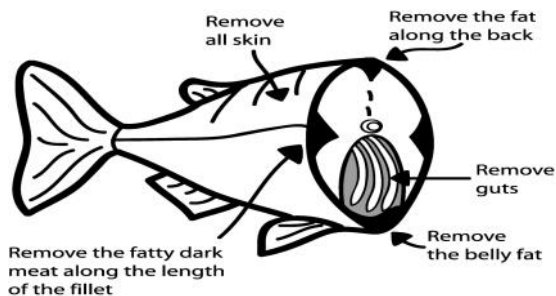
If you are pregnant or a nursing mother, or plan to become pregnant soon, you and children under 6 years of age are sensitive to the effects of contaminants such as mercury. DNR's guidelines are designed to be protective for these sensitive groups. In early 2001 the USEPA issued a national advisory recommending 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.

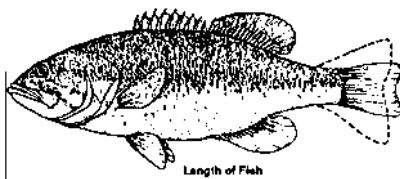


## Using These Guidelines

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**

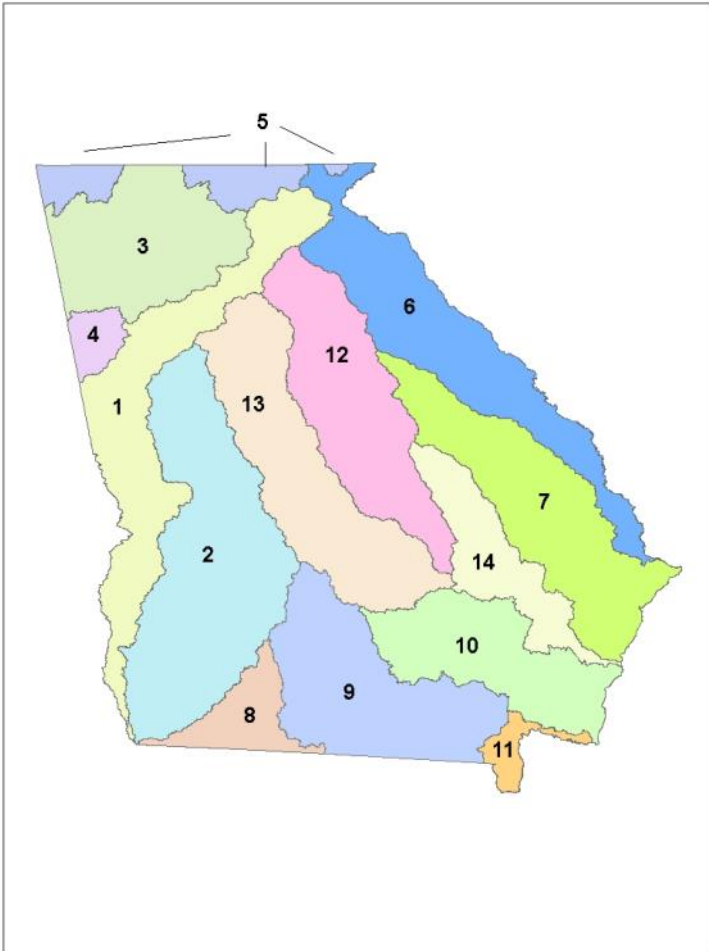
**1 meal per week**

**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**

## Fish Consumption Guidelines

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.

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 500 Acres or Larger

#### Lake Allatoona

#### Coosa River Basin

| Species         | Less than 12"   | 12" – 16"       | Over 16"        | Chemical |
|-----------------|-----------------|-----------------|-----------------|----------|
| Black Crappie   | No Restrictions |                 |                 |          |
| Carp            | No Restrictions | No Restrictions | No Restrictions |          |
| White Bass      | No Restrictions |                 |                 |          |
| Largemouth Bass |                 | No Restrictions | 1 meal/week     | Mercury  |
| Spotted Bass    |                 | No Restrictions | 1 meal/week     | Mercury  |
| Golden Redhorse |                 | No Restrictions |                 |          |
| Channel Catfish | No Restrictions | No Restrictions |                 |          |
| Hybrid Bass     |                 |                 | 1 meal/week     | Mercury  |
| Bluegill        | No Restrictions |                 |                 |          |

#### Lake Andrews

#### Chattahoochee River Basin

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

#### Banks Lake

#### Suwannee River Basin

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

**Bear Creek Reservoir****Oconee River Basin**

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

**Lake Blackshear****Flint River Basin**

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

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

**Black Shoals Lake****Ocmulgee River Basin**

(Renamed Randy Poynter Lake in 2003: originally named Big Haynes Reservoir)

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

**Lake Blue Ridge****Tennessee River Basin**

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

**Lake Burton****Savannah River Basin**

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

**Carters Lake****Coosa River Basin**

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

**Lake Chatuge*****Tennessee River Basin***

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

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

| <b>Species</b>  | <b>Less than 12"</b> | <b>12" - 16"</b> | <b>Over 16"</b> | <b>Chemical</b> |
|-----------------|----------------------|------------------|-----------------|-----------------|
| Largemouth Bass |                      | No Restrictions  | No Restrictions |                 |
| Black Crappie   | No Restrictions      | No Restrictions  |                 |                 |
| White Perch     | No Restrictions      |                  |                 |                 |
| Bluegill        | No Restrictions      |                  |                 |                 |
| Redear Sunfish  | No Restrictions      |                  |                 |                 |
| Hybrid Bass     |                      | No Restrictions  | No Restrictions |                 |
| Striped Bass    | No Restrictions      | No Restrictions  | No Restrictions |                 |
| Channel Catfish | No Restrictions      | No Restrictions  | No Restrictions |                 |
| Spotted Sucker  |                      |                  | No Restrictions |                 |

**Goat Rock Lake*****Chattahoochee River Basin***

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

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

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

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

| <b>Species</b>        | <b>Less than 12"</b> | <b>12" – 16"</b> | <b>Over 16"</b> | <b>Chemical</b> |
|-----------------------|----------------------|------------------|-----------------|-----------------|
| Largemouth Bass       |                      | 1 meal/week      | 1 meal/week     | Mercury         |
| Black Crappie         | No Restrictions      | No Restrictions  |                 |                 |
| Bluegill              | No Restrictions      |                  |                 |                 |
| Hybrid & Striped Bass | No Restrictions      | 1 meal/month     | Do Not Eat      | PCBs            |
| Channel Catfish       | No Restrictions      | No Restrictions  | 1 meal/month    | PCBs            |
| Carp                  |                      |                  | 1 meal/week     | Mercury         |
| Walleye               |                      |                  | 1 meal/week     | Mercury         |

**Lake Hartwell: Main Body, D.S. Andersonville IS. Georgia/South Carolina Listing**

| <b>Species</b>                                                           | <b>Less than 12"</b> | <b>12" - 16"</b> | <b>Over 16"</b> | <b>Chemical</b> |
|--------------------------------------------------------------------------|----------------------|------------------|-----------------|-----------------|
| Largemouth Bass                                                          |                      | 1 meal/month     | 1 meal/month    | PCBs            |
| Hybrid & Striped Bass                                                    | Do Not Eat           | Do Not Eat       | Do Not Eat      | PCBs            |
| Channel Catfish                                                          | 1 meal/month         | 1 meal/month     | 1 meal/month    | PCBs            |
| Main Body.Guidance issued with South Carolina DHEC (Ph.: 1-888-849-7241) |                      |                  |                 |                 |

**High Falls Lake*****Ocmulgee River Basin***

| <b>Species</b>  | <b>Less than 12"</b> | <b>12" - 16"</b> | <b>Over 16"</b> | <b>Chemical</b> |
|-----------------|----------------------|------------------|-----------------|-----------------|
| Largemouth Bass |                      | No Restrictions  | No Restrictions |                 |
| Channel Catfish | No Restrictions      | No Restrictions  | No Restrictions |                 |
| Redear Sunfish  | No Restrictions      |                  |                 |                 |
| Hybrid Bass     | No Restrictions      | No Restrictions  | No Restrictions |                 |
| Black Crappie   | No Restrictions      | No Restrictions  |                 |                 |

**Jackson Lake*****Ocmulgee River Basin***

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

**Lake Juliette*****Ocmulgee River Basin***

| <b>Species</b>   | <b>Less than 12"</b> | <b>12" - 16"</b> | <b>Over 16"</b> | <b>Chemical</b> |
|------------------|----------------------|------------------|-----------------|-----------------|
| Largemouth Bass* | No Restrictions      | No Restrictions  | 1 meal/week     | Mercury         |
| Striped Bass     | No Restrictions      | No Restrictions  |                 |                 |
| Redear Sunfish   | No Restrictions      |                  |                 |                 |
| Bullhead species |                      | No Restrictions  |                 |                 |

**Lake Sydney Lanier****Chattahoochee River Basin**

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

**Lake Oconee****Oconee River Basin**

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

**Lake Rabun*****Savannah River Basin***

| <b>Species</b>   | <b>Less than 12"</b> | <b>12" - 16 "</b> | <b>Over 16 "</b> | <b>Chemical</b> |
|------------------|----------------------|-------------------|------------------|-----------------|
| Largemouth Bass  |                      | No Restrictions   | 1 meal/week      | Mercury         |
| White Catfish    | No Restrictions      | No Restrictions   | 1 meal/week      | Mercury         |
| Bluegill Sunfish | No Restrictions      |                   |                  |                 |
| Walleye          |                      |                   | No Restrictions  |                 |

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

| <b>Species</b>   | <b>Less than 12"</b> | <b>12" - 16 "</b> | <b>Over 16 "</b> | <b>Chemical</b> |
|------------------|----------------------|-------------------|------------------|-----------------|
| Largemouth Bass  |                      | 1 meal/week       | 1 meal/week      | Mercury         |
| Black Crappie    | No Restrictions      | No Restrictions   |                  |                 |
| Bluegill Sunfish | No Restrictions      |                   |                  |                 |
| White Perch      | No Restrictions      |                   |                  |                 |
| Channel Catfish  | No Restrictions      | No Restrictions   |                  |                 |
| Bullhead         | No Restrictions      |                   |                  |                 |

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

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

**Lake Sinclair*****Oconee River Basin***

| <b>Species</b>  | <b>Less than 12"</b> | <b>12" - 16 "</b> | <b>Over 16 "</b> | <b>Chemical</b> |
|-----------------|----------------------|-------------------|------------------|-----------------|
| Largemouth Bass |                      | No Restrictions   | No Restrictions  |                 |
| Hybrid Bass     | No Restrictions      | No Restrictions   | No Restrictions  |                 |
| Catfish         | No Restrictions      | No Restrictions   | No Restrictions  |                 |
| Black Crappie   | No Restrictions      | No Restrictions   |                  |                 |

**Lake Tobesofkee*****Ocmulgee River Basin***

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

**Lake Tugalo*****Savannah River Basin***

| <b>Species</b>   | <b>Less than 12"</b> | <b>12" - 16 "</b> | <b>Over 16 "</b> | <b>Chemical</b> |
|------------------|----------------------|-------------------|------------------|-----------------|
| Largemouth Bass  |                      | 1 meal/month      | 1 meal/month     | Mercury         |
| White Catfish    |                      | No Restrictions   |                  |                 |
| Bluegill Sunfish | No Restrictions      |                   |                  |                 |
| Walleye          |                      |                   | 1 meal/week      | Mercury         |

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

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

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

| <b>Species</b>    | <b>Less than 12"</b> | <b>12" - 16 "</b> | <b>Over 16 "</b> | <b>Chemical</b> |
|-------------------|----------------------|-------------------|------------------|-----------------|
| Largemouth Bass * |                      |                   | No Restrictions  |                 |
| Hybrid Bass       |                      | No Restrictions   | No Restrictions  |                 |
| Channel Catfish   |                      | No Restrictions   | No Restrictions  |                 |
| Black Crappie     | No Restrictions      |                   |                  |                 |
| Spotted Sucker    |                      | No Restrictions   | No Restrictions  |                 |

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

**West Point Lake*****Chattahoochee River Basin***

| <b>Species</b>    | <b>Less than 12"</b> | <b>12" - 16 "</b> | <b>Over 16 "</b> | <b>Chemical</b> |
|-------------------|----------------------|-------------------|------------------|-----------------|
| Largemouth Bass * |                      | 1 meal/week       | 1 meal/week      | Mercury         |
| Spotted Bass      | No Restrictions      | No Restrictions   |                  |                 |
| Hybrid Bass       | No Restrictions      | No Restrictions   | 1 meal/week      | PCBs            |
| Channel Catfish   | No Restrictions      | No Restrictions   | No Restrictions  |                 |
| Common Carp       |                      |                   | No Restrictions  |                 |
| Black Crappie     | No Restrictions      | No Restrictions   |                  |                 |

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

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

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

**Lake Worth (Lake Chehaw, Old Lake Worth Reservoir)**

|                 |                 |             |                 |         |
|-----------------|-----------------|-------------|-----------------|---------|
| Largemouth Bass |                 | 1 meal/week |                 | Mercury |
| Channel Catfish |                 |             | 1 meal/week     | Mercury |
| Redear Sunfish  | No Restrictions |             |                 |         |
| Spotted Sucker  |                 |             | No Restrictions |         |

## GEORGIA PUBLIC LAKES AND PONDS LESS THAN 500 ACRES

<sup>§§</sup>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 |
|------------------|-----------------|-----------------|-------------|----------|
| Largemouth Bass  |                 | No Restrictions | 1 meal/week | Mercury  |
| Bluegill Sunfish | No Restrictions |                 |             |          |

### City of Adairsville Pond

### Coosa River Basin

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

### Albany By-Pass Pond

### Flint River Basin

| Species         | Less than 12"   | 12" - 16"   | Over 16"     | Chemical |
|-----------------|-----------------|-------------|--------------|----------|
| Largemouth Bass |                 | 1 meal/week | 1 meal/week  | DDE/DDD  |
| Catfish         |                 | 1 meal/week |              | DDE/DDD  |
| Common Carp     |                 |             | 1 meal/month | DDE/DDD  |
| Redear Sunfish  | No Restrictions |             |              |          |

### Allen Creek Wildlife Management Area, Ponds A and B

### Oconee River Basin

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

### Antioch Lake (East & West), Rocky Mountain PFA <sup>§§</sup>

### Coosa River Basin

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

### Lake Bennett (Marben PFA, Charlie Elliot Wildlife Center) <sup>§§</sup>

### Oconee River Basin

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

### Big Lazer PFA (Gum Creek Impoundment) <sup>§§</sup>

### Flint River Basin

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

**Bowles C. Ford Lake, City of Savannah*****Savannah River Basin***

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

**Brasstown Valley Kids Fishing Pond*****Tennessee River Basin***

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

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

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

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

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

**Clayton County Water Authority: J.W. Smith Reservoir*****Flint River Basin***

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

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

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

**Dodge County PFA (Steve Bell Lake)<sup>§§</sup>*****Ocmulgee River Basin***

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

**Evans County PFA<sup>§§</sup>*****Ogeechee River Basin***

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

**Flat Creek PFA (Lonice C. Barrett Lake)**<sup>§§</sup>**Oconee River Basin**

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

**Hamburg Millpond, Hamburg State Park****Ogeechee River Basin**

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

**Heath Lake, Rocky Mountain PFA**<sup>§§</sup>**Coosa River Basin**

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

**Hugh M. Gillis PFA**<sup>§§</sup>**Oconee River Basin**

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

**Ken Gardens Lake (Albany, Georgia)****Flint River Basin**

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

**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 | Mercury  |
| Redear Sunfish  | No Restrictions |             |             |          |

**Little Ocmulgee State Park Lake (Gum Creek Swamp)*****Ocmulgee River Basin***

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

**Margery Lake (Marben PFA, Charlie Elliot Wildlife Center)<sup>§§</sup>*****Oconee River Basin***

| Species                                             | Less than 12"   | 12" - 16"       | Over 16"        | Chemical |
|-----------------------------------------------------|-----------------|-----------------|-----------------|----------|
| Bluegill Sunfish                                    | No Restrictions |                 |                 |          |
| Largemouth Bass*                                    |                 | No Restrictions | No Restrictions |          |
| *Minimum size is 14 inches unless posted otherwise. |                 |                 |                 |          |

**Lake Mayer (City of Savannah)*****Ogeechee River Basin***

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

**McDuffie PFA (East Watershed Ponds)<sup>§§</sup>*****Savannah River Basin***

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

**McDuffie PFA (West Watershed Ponds)<sup>§§</sup>*****Savannah River Basin***

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

**Nancy Town Lake (Habersham County)*****Savannah River Basin***

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

**Lake Olmstead (Richmond County)*****Savannah River Basin***

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

**Paradise PFA (Horseshoe 4)**<sup>§§</sup>***Suwannee River Basin***

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

**Paradise PFA (Lake Patrick)**<sup>§§</sup>***Suwannee River Basin***

| Species           | Less than 12" | 12" - 16"       | Over 16"        | Chemical |
|-------------------|---------------|-----------------|-----------------|----------|
| Largemouth Bass * |               | No Restrictions | No Restrictions |          |
| Brown Bullhead    |               | No Restrictions | No Restrictions |          |
| Bluegill          |               | No Restrictions |                 |          |

**Payton Park Pond, Valdosta*****Suwannee River Basin***

| Species          | Less than 12"   | 12" - 16"       | Over 16" | Chemical |
|------------------|-----------------|-----------------|----------|----------|
| Largemouth Bass  |                 | No Restrictions |          |          |
| Bluegill Sunfish | 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 | 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 |
|-----------------|-----------------|-----------------|----------|----------|
| Largemouth Bass |                 | No Restrictions |          |          |
| Channel Catfish | 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)**<sup>§§</sup>***Oconee River Basin***

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

**South Slappy Blvd. Offramp Pond (Albany, Georgia)*****Flint River Basin***

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

**Silver Lake WMA*****Flint River Basin***

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

**Stone Mountain Lake*****Ocmulgee River Basin***

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

**Tribble Mill Lake, Gwinnett County*****Ocmulgee River Basin***

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

**Yohola Lake, Kolomoki Mounds State Park*****Chattahoochee River Basin***

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

**Yonah Lake*****Savannah River Basin***

| <b>Species</b>      | <b>Less than 12"</b> | <b>12" - 16 "</b> | <b>Over 16 "</b> | <b>Chemical</b> |
|---------------------|----------------------|-------------------|------------------|-----------------|
| Largemouth Bass     |                      | 1 meal/week       |                  | Mercury         |
| Catfish (mixed sp.) |                      | 1 meal/week       |                  | Mercury         |
| Bluegill Sunfish    | No Restrictions      |                   |                  |                 |

## GEORGIA FRESHWATER RIVERS AND CREEKS

Please note that the consumption guidelines for Georgia rivers are presented in a different format from the lake tables. Due to the flow of rivers, the site tested is important to the consumption guidelines. Consumption guidelines may vary from one stretch of river to another. The fish tested was the common creel size for the location and species. Freshwater rivers and creeks are tabulated first, followed by listings for Georgia tidal estuarine systems.

### Alapaha River (Tifton to Stockton)

### *Suwannee River Basin*

| Species           | Site Tested        | Recommendation  | Chemical |
|-------------------|--------------------|-----------------|----------|
| Largemouth Bass   | U.S.Hwys. 82 to 84 | 1 meal/month    | Mercury  |
| Spotted Sucker    | U.S.Hwys. 82 to 84 | 1 meal/week     | Mercury  |
| Redbreast Sunfish | U.S.Hwys. 82 to 84 | No Restrictions |          |

### Alapaha River (Near State Line)

### *Suwannee River Basin*

| Species         | Site Tested      | Recommendation | Chemical |
|-----------------|------------------|----------------|----------|
| Largemouth Bass | Near Statenville | 1 meal/month   | Mercury  |
| Bullhead        | Near Statenville | 1 meal/month   | Mercury  |

### Alapahoochee River (Near State Line)

### *Suwannee River Basin*

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

### Alcovy River

### *Ocmulgee River Basin*

| Species        | Site Tested        | Recommendation  | Chemical |
|----------------|--------------------|-----------------|----------|
| Spotted Sucker | Arrowhatchee Farms | No Restrictions |          |
| Chain Pickerel | Arrowhatchee Farms | No Restrictions |          |

### Allatoona Creek, Cobb County

### *Coosa River Basin*

| Species            | Site Tested  | Recommendation | Chemical |
|--------------------|--------------|----------------|----------|
| Spotted Bass       | Ga. Hwy. 176 | 1 meal/week    | Mercury  |
| Alabama Hog Sucker | Ga. Hwy. 176 | 1 meal/week    | Mercury  |

**Altamaha River****Altamaha River Basin****Near Baxley (U.S. Hwy 1), and Near Jesup, Ga. (U.S. Hwy.s 25/84)**

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

**Apalachee River****Oconee River Basin**

| <b>Species</b>  | <b>Site Tested</b> | <b>Recommendation</b> | <b>Chemical</b> |
|-----------------|--------------------|-----------------------|-----------------|
| Largemouth Bass | Apalachee Beach    | 1 meal/week           | Mercury         |
| Channel Catfish | Apalachee Beach    | No Restrictions       |                 |

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

| <b>Species</b>  | <b>Site Tested</b> | <b>Recommendation</b> | <b>Chemical</b> |
|-----------------|--------------------|-----------------------|-----------------|
| Yellow Bullhead | Taylor County      | 1 meal/month          | Mercury         |

**Boen Creek****Savannah River Basin**

| <b>Species</b> | <b>Site Tested</b> | <b>Recommendation</b> | <b>Chemical</b> |
|----------------|--------------------|-----------------------|-----------------|
| Bluehead Chub  | Rabun County       | No Restrictions       |                 |

**Brasstown Creek****Tennessee River Basin**

| <b>Species</b>      | <b>Site Tested</b> | <b>Recommendation</b> | <b>Chemical</b> |
|---------------------|--------------------|-----------------------|-----------------|
| Northern Hog Sucker | Towns County       | No Restrictions       |                 |

**Brier Creek (Burke County)****Savannah River Basin**

| <b>Species</b>  | <b>Site Tested</b> | <b>Recommendation</b> | <b>Chemical</b> |
|-----------------|--------------------|-----------------------|-----------------|
| Largemouth Bass | Ga. Hwy. 56        | 1 meal/month          | Mercury         |
| Spotted Sucker  | Ga. Hwy. 56        | 1 meal/week           | Mercury         |

**Broad River****Savannah River Basin**

| <b>Species</b>   | <b>Site Tested</b> | <b>Recommendation</b> | <b>Chemical</b> |
|------------------|--------------------|-----------------------|-----------------|
| Channel Catfish  | Ga. Hwy 17         | No Restrictions       |                 |
| Flathead Catfish | Ga. Hwy 17         | No Restrictions       |                 |

**Buffalo Creek*****Tallapoosa River Basin***

| <b>Species</b>   | <b>Site Tested</b> | <b>Recommendation</b> | <b>Chemical</b> |
|------------------|--------------------|-----------------------|-----------------|
| Bluegill Sunfish | Carroll County     | No Restrictions       |                 |

**Butternut Creek*****Tennessee River Basin***

| <b>Species</b> | <b>Site Tested</b> | <b>Recommendation</b> | <b>Chemical</b> |
|----------------|--------------------|-----------------------|-----------------|
| Hog Sucker     | Union County       | No Restrictions       |                 |

**Cane Creek (Wimpy's Air Field)*****Chattahoochee River Basin***

| <b>Species</b>  | <b>Site Tested</b> | <b>Recommendation</b> | <b>Chemical</b> |
|-----------------|--------------------|-----------------------|-----------------|
| Largemouth Bass | Lumpkin County     | No Restrictions       |                 |

**Canoochee River (Hwy 192 to Lotts Cr.)*****Ogeechee River Basin***

| <b>Species</b>    | <b>Site Tested</b> | <b>Recommendation</b> | <b>Chemical</b> |
|-------------------|--------------------|-----------------------|-----------------|
| Largemouth Bass   | U.S. Hwy. 280      | 1 meal/month          | Mercury         |
| Channel Catfish   | U.S. Hwy. 280      | 1 meal/week           | Mercury         |
| Redbreast Sunfish | U.S. Hwy. 280      | 1 meal/month          | Mercury         |
| Snail Bullhead    | U.S. Hwy. 280      | 1 meal/month          | Mercury         |

**Canoochee River (Lotts Cr. To Ogeechee River)*****Ogeechee River Basin***

| <b>Species</b>  | <b>Site Tested</b>                      | <b>Recommendation</b> | <b>Chemical</b> |
|-----------------|-----------------------------------------|-----------------------|-----------------|
| Largemouth Bass | Below Canoochee Creek<br>(Taylor Creek) | 1 meal/month          | Mercury         |
| Channel Catfish | Below Canoochee Creek<br>(Taylor Creek) | 1 meal/month          | Mercury         |

**Casey Canal (Tributary to Hayners Cr. / Vernon River)*****Ogeechee River Basin***

| <b>Species</b>   | <b>Site Tested</b> | <b>Recommendation</b> | <b>Chemical</b> |
|------------------|--------------------|-----------------------|-----------------|
| Largemouth Bass  | Eisenhower Dr.     | No Restrictions       |                 |
| Bluegill Sunfish | Eisenhower Dr.     | No Restrictions       |                 |
| Striped Mullet   | Eisenhower Dr.     | 1 meal/week           | Dieldrin        |

**Cedar Creek Tributary (Hart County WMA)*****Savannah River Basin***

| <b>Species</b>    | <b>Site Tested</b> | <b>Recommendation</b> | <b>Chemical</b> |
|-------------------|--------------------|-----------------------|-----------------|
| Creek Chubsucker  | Hart County WMA    | No Restrictions       |                 |
| Redbreast Sunfish | Hart County WMA    | No Restrictions       |                 |

**Chattahoochee River  
(Near Helen, and Above Lake Lanier)**

***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  |
| Golden Redhorse    | Ga. Hwy 75, Helen  | 1 meal/week     | Mercury  |
| Largemouth Bass    | Belton Bridge Road | 1 meal/month    | Mercury  |
| Spotted/Shoal Bass | Belton Bridge Road | 1 meal/week     | Mercury  |
| Channel Catfish    | Belton Bridge Road | No Restrictions |          |

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

***Chattahoochee River Basin***

| Species         | Site Tested          | Recommendation  | Chemical |
|-----------------|----------------------|-----------------|----------|
| Largemouth Bass | Multiple, Dam to Dam | 1 meal/week     | Mercury  |
| Common Carp     | Multiple, Dam to Dam | No Restrictions |          |
| Brown Trout     | Multiple, Dam to Dam | No Restrictions |          |
| Rainbow Trout   | Multiple, Dam to Dam | 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 |
|------------------|------------------------|-----------------|----------|
| Largemouth Bass  | Below Morgan Falls Dam | No Restrictions |          |
| Common Carp      | Below Morgan Falls Dam | 1 meal/month    | PCBs     |
| Spotted Bass     | Below Morgan Falls Dam | No Restrictions |          |
| Shoal Bass       | Below Morgan Falls Dam | No Restrictions |          |
| Brown Trout      | Below Morgan Falls Dam | No Restrictions |          |
| Rainbow Trout    | Below Morgan Falls Dam | No Restrictions |          |
| Jumprock Sucker  | Below Morgan Falls Dam | 1 meal/week     | Mercury  |
| Bluegill Sunfish | Below Morgan Falls Dam | No Restrictions |          |

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

***Chattahoochee River Basin***

| Species          | Site Tested            | Recommendation  | Chemical |
|------------------|------------------------|-----------------|----------|
| Common Carp      | SR 166 (DNR boat ramp) | 1 meal/month    | PCBs     |
| Channel Catfish  | SR 166 (DNR boat ramp) | No Restrictions |          |
| Bluegill Sunfish | SR 166 (DNR boat ramp) | 1 meal/week     | PCBs     |
| White Sucker     | Peachtree Cr. To I-20  | No Restrictions |          |
| Black Bass Spp.  | I-285                  | 1 meal/week     | Mercury  |

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

***Chattahoochee River Basin***

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

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

***Chattahoochee River Basin***

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

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

***Chattahoochee River Basin***

| Species          | Site Tested                        | Recommendation  | Chemical |
|------------------|------------------------------------|-----------------|----------|
| Largemouth Bass  | Oliver Dam to Eagle<br>Phoenix Dam | 1 meal/month    | PCBs     |
| Bullhead Catfish | Oliver Dam to Eagle<br>Phoenix Dam | 1 meal/week     | PCBs     |
| Spotted Bass     | Columbus                           | No Restrictions |          |

**Chattahoochee River**  
**(Chattahoochee County to Stewart County; Upatoi Creek to Omaha, Ga.)**

***Chattahoochee River Basin***

| Species         | Site Tested    | Recommendation  | Chemical |
|-----------------|----------------|-----------------|----------|
| Largemouth Bass | Oswichee Creek | No Restrictions |          |
| Spotted Sucker  | Oswichee Creek | No Restrictions |          |
| Crappie         | Oswichee Creek | No Restrictions |          |
| Channel Catfish | Oswichee Creek | No Restrictions |          |

**Chattahoochee River (Early County)**

***Chattahoochee River Basin***

| Species     | Site Tested                   | Recommendation  | Chemical |
|-------------|-------------------------------|-----------------|----------|
| Hybrid Bass | Downstream of Plant<br>Farley | No Restrictions |          |

**Chattanooga Creek**

***Tennessee River Basin***

| Species                | Site Tested | Recommendation  | Chemical |
|------------------------|-------------|-----------------|----------|
| Bluegill Sunfish       | Ga. Hwy 193 | No Restrictions |          |
| Northern Hog<br>Sucker | Ga. Hwy 193 | No Restrictions |          |

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

| <b>Species</b>      | <b>Site Tested</b>    | <b>Recommendation</b> | <b>Chemical</b> |
|---------------------|-----------------------|-----------------------|-----------------|
| Northern Hog Sucker | Hwy. 24               | 1 meal/week           | Mercury         |
| Silver Redhorse     | Above Lake Tugalo     | 1 meal/week           | Mercury         |
| Redbreast Sunfish   | Burrell's Ford Bridge | 1 meal/week           | Mercury         |
| Brown Trout         | Burrell's Ford Bridge | No Restrictions       |                 |

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

| <b>Species</b>   | <b>Site Tested</b> | <b>Recommendation</b> | <b>Chemical</b> |
|------------------|--------------------|-----------------------|-----------------|
| Bluegill Sunfish | Chattoogaville     | No Restrictions       |                 |
| Black Crappie    | Chattoogaville     | No Restrictions       |                 |

**Chestatee River, Headwaters, Turners Corner*****Chattahoochee River Basin***

| <b>Species</b>     | <b>Site Tested</b> | <b>Recommendation</b> | <b>Chemical</b> |
|--------------------|--------------------|-----------------------|-----------------|
| Redeye Bass        | Hwy. 19            | No Restrictions       |                 |
| Alabama Hog Sucker | Hwy. 19            | No Restrictions       |                 |
| Bluehead Chub      | Hwy. 19            | No Restrictions       |                 |

**Chestatee River, (Tennessee River to Lake Lanier)*****Chattahoochee River Basin***

| <b>Species</b>    | <b>Site Tested</b> | <b>Recommendation</b> | <b>Chemical</b> |
|-------------------|--------------------|-----------------------|-----------------|
| Spotted Bass      | Downstream Ga. 400 | 1 meal/week           | Mercury         |
| Channel Catfish   | Downstream Ga. 400 | No Restrictions       |                 |
| Redbreast Sunfish | Downstream Ga. 400 | No Restrictions       |                 |

**Chickamauga Creek (East and South)*****Tennessee River Basin***

| <b>Species</b>    | <b>Site Tested</b> | <b>Recommendation</b> | <b>Chemical</b> |
|-------------------|--------------------|-----------------------|-----------------|
| Rock Bass         | Ga. Hwy 2          | No Restrictions       |                 |
| Redbreast Sunfish | Ga. Hwy 2          | No Restrictions       |                 |

**Chickamauga Creek (West)*****Tennessee River Basin***

| <b>Species</b>    | <b>Site Tested</b> | <b>Recommendation</b> | <b>Chemical</b> |
|-------------------|--------------------|-----------------------|-----------------|
| Spotted Bass      | Ga. Hwy 2          | 1 meal/week           | Mercury         |
| Redbreast Sunfish | Ga. Hwy 2          | No Restrictions       |                 |

**Chickasawhatchee Creek, WMA near Elmodel, Ga.*****Flint River Basin***

| <b>Species</b> | <b>Site Tested</b>  | <b>Recommendation</b> | <b>Chemical</b> |
|----------------|---------------------|-----------------------|-----------------|
| Spotted Sucker | Wildlife Mgm't Area | No Restrictions       |                 |

**Cohulla Creek (Praters Mill)*****Coosa River Basin***

| <b>Species</b>     | <b>Site Tested</b> | <b>Recommendation</b> | <b>Chemical</b> |
|--------------------|--------------------|-----------------------|-----------------|
| Blacktail Redhorse | Ga. Hwy. 2         | 1 meal/week           | Mercury         |

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

| <b>Species</b> | <b>Site Tested</b> | <b>Recommendation</b> | <b>Chemical</b> |
|----------------|--------------------|-----------------------|-----------------|
| Rainbow Trout  | Near Tate City Rd. | 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:****Coosa River Basin****State Line to Hwy 286 (Hwy 2); and, Hwy 286 to Calhoun (Old Tilton Bridge)**

| Species            | Site Tested       | Recommendation | Chemical         |
|--------------------|-------------------|----------------|------------------|
| Spotted Bass       | Ga. Hwy. 2        | 1 meal/week    | Mercury          |
| Smallmouth Buffalo | Ga. Hwy. 2        | 1 meal/month   | PCBs,<br>Mercury |
| White Bass         | Old Tilton Bridge | 1 meal/month   | PCBs             |
| Smallmouth Buffalo | Old Tilton Bridge | 1 meal/month   | PCBs,<br>Mercury |

**Coosa River (River Mile Zero to Hwy 100)****Coosa River Basin**

| Species             | Site Tested                | Recommendation  | Chemical         |
|---------------------|----------------------------|-----------------|------------------|
| Largemouth Bass     | River Mile 2, Rome         | 1 meal/month    | PCBs             |
| Spotted Bass        | River Mile 2, Rome         | 1 meal/week     | PCBs,<br>Mercury |
| Smallmouth Buffalo  | River Mile 2, Rome         | Do Not Eat      | PCBs             |
| Blue Catfish < 18"  | River Mile 2 & Hwy. 100    | 1 meal/week     | PCBs             |
| Blue Catfish 18-32" | River Mile 2 & Hwy. 100    | 1 meal/month    | PCBs             |
| Blue Catfish > 32"  | River Mile 2 & Hwy. 100    | Do Not Eat      | PCBs             |
| White Bass          | Above Blacks Bluff<br>Road | No Restrictions |                  |

**Coosa River (Hwy 100 to Stateline)****Coosa River Basin**

| Species             | Site Tested                           | Recommendation  | Chemical |
|---------------------|---------------------------------------|-----------------|----------|
| Smallmouth Buffalo  | Below Hwy 100 and at<br>Brushy Branch | 1 meal/month    | PCBs     |
| Largemouth Bass     | Below Hwy 100 and at<br>Brushy Branch | 1 meal/week     | PCBs     |
| Spotted Bass        | Below Hwy 100 and at<br>Brushy Branch | No Restrictions |          |
| Channel Catfish     | Below Hwy 100 and at<br>Brushy Branch | 1 meal/month    | PCBs     |
| Black Crappie       | Foster Bend                           | 1 meal/week     | PCBs     |
| Blue Catfish < 18"  | River Mile 2 & Hwy. 100               | 1 meal/week     | PCBs     |
| Blue Catfish 18-32" | River Mile 2 & Hwy. 100               | 1 meal/month    | PCBs     |
| Blue Catfish > 32"  | River Mile 2 & Hwy. 100               | Do Not Eat      | PCBs     |

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

| Species                                                                                                                                                                                                                  | Site Tested             | Recommendation | Chemical |
|--------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------|-------------------------|----------------|----------|
| Striped Bass <20"                                                                                                                                                                                                        | Multiple sites on Coosa | 1 meal/month   | PCBs     |
| Striped Bass > 20"                                                                                                                                                                                                       | Multiple sites on Coosa | Do Not Eat     | 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         |
|--------------------|----------------|-----------------|------------------|
| Smallmouth Buffalo | Owens Gin Road | 1 meal/month    | PCBs,<br>Mercury |
| Bluegill Sunfish   | Owens Gin Road | No Restrictions |                  |

**Daniels Creek (Dade County)****Tennessee River Basin**

| Species          | Site Tested                 | Recommendation  | Chemical |
|------------------|-----------------------------|-----------------|----------|
| Bluegill Sunfish | Cloudland Canyon State Park | No Restrictions |          |

**Dukes Creek (Near Helen)****Chattahoochee River Basin**

| Species                                             | Site Tested     | Recommendation  | Chemical |
|-----------------------------------------------------|-----------------|-----------------|----------|
| Rainbow Trout                                       | Near Ga.Hwy. 75 | No Restrictions |          |
| Brown Trout                                         | Near Ga.Hwy. 75 | No Restrictions |          |
| Note: Trout may not be harvested in Smithgall Woods |                 |                 |          |

**Etowah River (Dawson County)****Coosa River Basin**

| Species            | Site Tested       | Recommendation | Chemical |
|--------------------|-------------------|----------------|----------|
| Blacktail Redhorse | Kelly Bridge Road | 1 meal/week    | Mercury  |

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

| Species         | Site Tested | Recommendation  | Chemical |
|-----------------|-------------|-----------------|----------|
| Spotted Bass    | York Street | 1 meal/week     | Mercury  |
| Golden Redhorse | York Street | No Restrictions |          |

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

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

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

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

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

| Species           | Site Tested | Recommendation  | Chemical |
|-------------------|-------------|-----------------|----------|
| Shoal Bass        | Ga. Hwy. 18 | 1 meal/week     | Mercury  |
| Channel Catfish   | Ga. Hwy. 18 | No Restrictions |          |
| Flathead Catfish  | Ga. Hwy. 18 | No Restrictions |          |
| Redbreast Sunfish | Ga. Hwy. 18 | No Restrictions |          |
| Black Bass Sp.    | Ga. Hwy. 18 | No Restrictions |          |

**Flint River (Taylor County)****Flint River Basin**

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

**Flint River (Above Lake Blackshear, Macon/Dooly Co.s)****Flint River Basin**

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

**Flint River (Below Lake Blackshear, Worth/Lee Co.s)****Flint River Basin**

| Species         | Site Tested            | Recommendation  | Chemical |
|-----------------|------------------------|-----------------|----------|
| Largemouth Bass | No. Albany, Ga. Hwy 32 | 1 meal/week     | Mercury  |
| Channel Catfish | No. Albany, Ga. Hwy 32 | No Restrictions |          |

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

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

**Goldmine Branch (Tributary to Warwoman Cr.)****Savannah River Basin**

| Species     | Site Tested  | Recommendation  | Chemical |
|-------------|--------------|-----------------|----------|
| Brook Trout | Rabun County | No Restrictions |          |

**Gum Creek****Flint River Basin**

| Species         | Site Tested  | Recommendation | Chemical |
|-----------------|--------------|----------------|----------|
| Largemouth Bass | Crisp County | 1 meal/week    | Mercury  |
| Carp            | Crisp County | No Restriction |          |

**Holly Creek (Murray County)****Coosa River Basin**

| Species            | Site Tested     | Recommendation | Chemical |
|--------------------|-----------------|----------------|----------|
| Blacktail Redhorse | Fox Bridge Road | 1 meal/week    | Mercury  |

**Ichawaynochaway Creek****Flint River Basin**

| Species         | Site Tested      | Recommendation | Chemical |
|-----------------|------------------|----------------|----------|
| Largemouth Bass | Cordays Millpond | 1 meal/week    | Mercury  |
| Spotted Sucker  | Cordays Millpond | No Restriction |          |

**Jacks River (Fannin County)****Coosa River Basin**

| Species     | Site Tested | Recommendation  | Chemical |
|-------------|-------------|-----------------|----------|
| Brown Trout | Watson Gap  | No Restrictions |          |

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

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

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

| Species         | Site Tested        | Recommendation | Chemical |
|-----------------|--------------------|----------------|----------|
| Largemouth Bass | Ga. Hwys 49 to 118 | 1 meal/week    | Mercury  |
| Spotted Sucker  | Ga. Hwys 49 to 118 | 1 meal/week    | Mercury  |

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

| Species          | Site Tested | Recommendation  | Chemical |
|------------------|-------------|-----------------|----------|
| Bluegill Sunfish | Near Rome   | No Restrictions |          |

**Little River (Above & Below Rocky Cr., Wilkes County)****Savannah River Basin**

| Species         | Site Tested               | Recommendation  | Chemical |
|-----------------|---------------------------|-----------------|----------|
| Largemouth Bass | Above & Below Rocky Creek | 1 meal/week     | Mercury  |
| Silver Redhorse | Above & Below Rocky Creek | No Restrictions |          |
| Spotted Sucker  | Above & Below Rocky Creek | No Restrictions |          |

**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  |
| Spotted Sucker  | Above Ga. Hwy 133 | No Restrictions |          |

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

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

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

| <b>Species</b>                                                                                                                                     | <b>Site Tested</b>   | <b>Recommendation</b> | <b>Chemical</b> |
|----------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------|----------------------|-----------------------|-----------------|
| Mixed Bass/Sunfish                                                                                                                                 | Above John Kelly Rd. | No Restrictions       |                 |
| Mixed Sucker Spp.                                                                                                                                  | Above John Kelly Rd. | No Restrictions       |                 |
| Mixed Bass/Sunfish Species: Rock Bass, Redbreast and Green Sunfish. Mixed Sucker Species: Black Redhorse, Striped Jumprock and Northern Hog Sucker |                      |                       |                 |

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

| <b>Species</b>    | <b>Site Tested</b>   | <b>Recommendation</b> | <b>Chemical</b> |
|-------------------|----------------------|-----------------------|-----------------|
| Redbreast Sunfish | U.S. Hwy 29, (Above) | No Restrictions       |                 |
| Spotted Sucker    | U.S. Hwy 29, (Above) | No Restrictions       |                 |
| Silver Redhorse   | Below Barber Creek   | No Restrictions       |                 |

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

| <b>Species</b>    | <b>Site Tested</b> | <b>Recommendation</b> | <b>Chemical</b> |
|-------------------|--------------------|-----------------------|-----------------|
| Spotted Sucker    | Near Dalton        | No Restrictions       |                 |
| Redbreast Sunfish | Near Dalton        | No Restrictions       |                 |

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

| <b>Species</b>  | <b>Site Tested</b> | <b>Recommendation</b> | <b>Chemical</b> |
|-----------------|--------------------|-----------------------|-----------------|
| Golden Redhorse | Hwy. 411, Eton     | 1 meal/week           | Mercury         |

**Moccasin Creek (Lake Burton Hatchery)*****Savannah River Basin***

| <b>Species</b> | <b>Site Tested</b> | <b>Recommendation</b> | <b>Chemical</b> |
|----------------|--------------------|-----------------------|-----------------|
| Rainbow Trout  | DNR Hatchery       | No Restrictions       |                 |

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

| <b>Species</b>  | <b>Site Tested</b>                 | <b>Recommendation</b> | <b>Chemical</b> |
|-----------------|------------------------------------|-----------------------|-----------------|
| Largemouth Bass | McLittle Bridge Rd. To Ga. Hwy 118 | 1 meal/week           | Mercury         |
| Spotted Sucker  | McLittle Bridge Rd. To Ga. Hwy 118 | 1 meal/week           | Mercury         |

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

| <b>Species</b>     | <b>Site Tested</b> | <b>Recommendation</b> | <b>Chemical</b> |
|--------------------|--------------------|-----------------------|-----------------|
| Alabama Hog Sucker | Ga. Hwy 360        | No Restrictions       |                 |
| Bluegill Sunfish   | Ga. Hwy 360        | No Restrictions       |                 |

**Nickajack Creek, Cobb County****Chattahoochee River Basin**

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

**Noonday Creek****Coosa River Basin**

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

**North Oconee River (Above and Below Athens, Clarke Co.****Oconee River Basin**

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

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

| Species           | Site Tested | Recommendation | Chemical |
|-------------------|-------------|----------------|----------|
| Largemouth Bass   | Hwy. 19     | 1 meal/month   | Mercury  |
| White Catfish     | Hwy. 19     | 1 meal/week    | Mercury  |
| Redbreast Sunfish | 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  |
| Spotted Sucker    | Ga. Hwy. 93 | 1 meal/week     | Mercury  |
| Redbreast Sunfish | Ga. Hwy. 93 | No Restrictions |          |

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

| Species         | Site Tested        | Recommendation  | Chemical |
|-----------------|--------------------|-----------------|----------|
| Largemouth Bass | Below Lake Jackson | No Restrictions |          |
| Brown Bullhead  | Below Lake Jackson | No Restrictions |          |

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

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

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

| <b>Species</b>   | <b>Site Tested</b> | <b>Recommendation</b> | <b>Chemical</b> |
|------------------|--------------------|-----------------------|-----------------|
| 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***

| <b>Species</b>  | <b>Site Tested</b> | <b>Recommendation</b> | <b>Chemical</b> |
|-----------------|--------------------|-----------------------|-----------------|
| Largemouth Bass | Hawkinsville       | No Restrictions       |                 |
| Channel Catfish | Hawkinsville       | No Restrictions       |                 |

**Ocmulgee River (Wilcox/Telfair Counties)*****Ocmulgee River Basin***

| <b>Species</b>   | <b>Site Tested</b> | <b>Recommendation</b> | <b>Chemical</b> |
|------------------|--------------------|-----------------------|-----------------|
| Largemouth Bass  | U.S. Hwy 280       | 1 meal/week           | Mercury         |
| Flathead Catfish | U.S. Hwy 280       | 1 meal/week           | Mercury         |
| Channel Catfish  | U.S. Hwy 280       | No Restrictions       |                 |

**Oconee River (Clarke and Oconee Counties)*****Oconee River Basin*****Confluence of North and Middle Oconee to Barnett Shoals Dam**

| <b>Species</b>   | <b>Site Tested</b>   | <b>Recommendation</b> | <b>Chemical</b> |
|------------------|----------------------|-----------------------|-----------------|
| Largemouth Bass  | Above Barnett Shoals | 1 meal/week           | Mercury         |
| Spotted Bass     | Above Barnett Shoals | No Restrictions       |                 |
| Bluegill Sunfish | Above Barnett Shoals | No Restrictions       |                 |
| Channel Catfish  | Above Barnett Shoals | No Restrictions       |                 |
| Silver Redhorse  | Above Barnett Shoals | 1 meal/week           | Mercury         |

**Oconee River (Oconee and Greene Counties)*****Oconee River Basin*****Barnett Shoals Dam to Lake Oconee**

| <b>Species</b>  | <b>Site Tested</b> | <b>Recommendation</b> | <b>Chemical</b> |
|-----------------|--------------------|-----------------------|-----------------|
| Silver Redhorse | Ga. Hwy. 15        | No Restrictions       |                 |
| Channel Catfish | Ga. Hwy. 15        | No Restrictions       |                 |
| Common Carp     | Ga. Hwy. 15        | No Restrictions       |                 |

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

| <b>Species</b>   | <b>Site Tested</b>      | <b>Recommendation</b> | <b>Chemical</b> |
|------------------|-------------------------|-----------------------|-----------------|
| Flathead Catfish | Milledgeville to Dublin | No Restrictions       |                 |
| Largemouth Bass  | Milledgeville to Dublin | No Restrictions       |                 |
| Channel Catfish  | Milledgeville to Dublin | No Restrictions       |                 |

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

| <b>Species</b>    | <b>Site Tested</b> | <b>Recommendation</b> | <b>Chemical</b> |
|-------------------|--------------------|-----------------------|-----------------|
| Largemouth Bass   | I-16               | No Restrictions       |                 |
| Redbreast Sunfish | I-16               | No Restrictions       |                 |
| Channel Catfish   | I-16               | No Restrictions       |                 |

**Ogeechee River (Washington County; near Davisboro)*****Ogeechee River Basin***

| <b>Species</b>  | <b>Site Tested</b> | <b>Recommendation</b> | <b>Chemical</b> |
|-----------------|--------------------|-----------------------|-----------------|
| Largemouth Bass | Ga. Hwy 88         | 1 meal/month          | Mercury         |
| Spotted Sucker  | Ga. Hwy 88         | 1 meal/week           | Mercury         |

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

| <b>Species</b>    | <b>Site Tested</b> | <b>Recommendation</b> | <b>Chemical</b> |
|-------------------|--------------------|-----------------------|-----------------|
| Largemouth Bass   | U.S. Hwy 1         | 1 meal/month          | Mercury         |
| Spotted Sucker    | U.S. Hwy 1         | 1 meal/week           | Mercury         |
| Redbreast Sunfish | U.S. Hwy 1         | 1 meal/week           | Mercury         |

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

| <b>Species</b>    | <b>Site Tested</b> | <b>Recommendation</b> | <b>Chemical</b> |
|-------------------|--------------------|-----------------------|-----------------|
| 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***

| <b>Species</b>    | <b>Site Tested</b> | <b>Recommendation</b> | <b>Chemical</b> |
|-------------------|--------------------|-----------------------|-----------------|
| Largemouth Bass   | U.S. Hwy 25        | 1 meal/month          | Mercury         |
| Snail Bullhead    | U.S. Hwy 25        | 1 meal/week           | Mercury         |
| Redbreast Sunfish | U.S. Hwy 25        | 1 meal/week           | Mercury         |

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

| <b>Species</b>    | <b>Site Tested</b>       | <b>Recommendation</b> | <b>Chemical</b> |
|-------------------|--------------------------|-----------------------|-----------------|
| Largemouth Bass   | U.S. Hwy 301             | 1 meal/month          | Mercury         |
| Channel Catfish   | U.S. Hwy 301             | 1 meal/week           | Mercury         |
| Redbreast Sunfish | U.S. Hwy 301             | 1 meal/week           | Mercury         |
| Snail Bullhead    | U.S. Hwy 301             | 1 meal/week           | Mercury         |
| Spotted Sucker    | Ga. Hwy. 24 (so. bridge) | 1 meal/week           | Mercury         |

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

| <b>Species</b>    | <b>Site Tested</b> | <b>Recommendation</b> | <b>Chemical</b> |
|-------------------|--------------------|-----------------------|-----------------|
| Largemouth Bass   | Hwy 119            | 1 meal/week           | Mercury         |
| Spotted Sucker    | Hwy 119            | No Restrictions       |                 |
| Redbreast Sunfish | Hwy 119            | 1 meal/week           | Mercury         |

**Ogeechee River (Bryan County; near Ellabelle)*****Ogeechee River Basin***

| <b>Species</b>    | <b>Site Tested</b> | <b>Recommendation</b> | <b>Chemical</b> |
|-------------------|--------------------|-----------------------|-----------------|
| Largemouth Bass   | Ga. Hwy 204        | 1 meal/month          | Mercury         |
| Redbreast Sunfish | Ga. Hwy 204        | 1 meal/week           | Mercury         |
| Channel Catfish   | Ga. Hwy 204        | 1 meal/week           | Mercury         |

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

| <b>Species</b> | <b>Site Tested</b> | <b>Recommendation</b> | <b>Chemical</b> |
|----------------|--------------------|-----------------------|-----------------|
| Mullet         | Fort McAllister    | No Restrictions       |                 |

**Ochoopee River (Near Oak Park, Ga.)*****Altamaha River Basin***

| <b>Species</b>    | <b>Site Tested</b> | <b>Recommendation</b> | <b>Chemical</b> |
|-------------------|--------------------|-----------------------|-----------------|
| Largemouth Bass   | I-16               | 1 meal/month          | Mercury         |
| Redbreast Sunfish | I-16               | 1 meal/week           | Mercury         |

**Ochoopee River (Near Reidsville, Ga., Tattnall County)*****Altamaha River Basin***

| <b>Species</b>    | <b>Site Tested</b> | <b>Recommendation</b> | <b>Chemical</b> |
|-------------------|--------------------|-----------------------|-----------------|
| Largemouth Bass   | Ga. Hwys 280 to 56 | 1 meal/month          | Mercury         |
| Redbreast Sunfish | Ga. Hwys 280 to 56 | 1 meal/week           | Mercury         |
| Spotted Sucker    | Ga. Hwys 280 to 56 | 1 meal/week           | Mercury         |
| Channel Catfish   | Ga. Hwys 280 to 56 | 1 meal/week           | Mercury         |

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

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

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

| <b>Species</b>          | <b>Site Tested</b> | <b>Recommendation</b> | <b>Chemical</b> |
|-------------------------|--------------------|-----------------------|-----------------|
| Large Scale Stoneroller | Clay Road          | No Restrictions       |                 |
| Redbreast Sunfish       | Clay Road          | No Restrictions       |                 |

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

| Species                                 | Site Tested          | Recommendation  | Chemical         |
|-----------------------------------------|----------------------|-----------------|------------------|
| Smallmouth Buffalo                      | Ga. Hwy 156, Calhoun | 1 meal/week     | PCBs,<br>Mercury |
| Bluegill Sunfish                        | Ga. Hwy 156, Calhoun | No Restrictions |                  |
| Spotted Bass                            | Ga. Hwy 140          | 1 meal/week     | Mercury          |
| Bluegill Sunfish                        | Ga. Hwy 140          | No Restrictions |                  |
| Largemouth Bass                         | Ga. Hwy 140          | 1 meal/week     | PCBs             |
| Smallmouth Buffalo                      | Ga. Hwy 140          | 1 meal/week     | PCBs,<br>Mercury |
| Channel Catfish                         | Ga. Hwy 140          | No Restrictions |                  |
| See "Coosa River: Special Striped Bass" |                      |                 |                  |

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

| Species         | Site Tested                             | Recommendation  | Chemical |
|-----------------|-----------------------------------------|-----------------|----------|
| Largemouth Bass | From McCants Millpond<br>to Ga. Hwy 208 | No Restrictions |          |
| Spotted Sucker  |                                         | No Restrictions |          |
| Chain Pickerel  | From McCants Millpond<br>to Ga. Hwy 208 | 1 meal/week     | Mercury  |

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

| Species                                                                          | Site Tested   | Recommendation | Chemical |
|----------------------------------------------------------------------------------|---------------|----------------|----------|
| Bass Spp. *                                                                      | Taylor County | 1 meal/month   | Mercury  |
| Sucker Spp. *                                                                    | Taylor County | 1 meal/week    | Mercury  |
| *Bass: Largemouth & Shoal; Suckers: Grayfin Redhorse, Spotted & Greater Jumprock |               |                |          |

**Pipe Makers Canal (Near Savannah, Georgia)****Savannah River Basin**

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

**Ponder Branch (Walker County, Villanow)****Coosa River Basin**

| Species     | Site Tested | Recommendation  | Chemical |
|-------------|-------------|-----------------|----------|
| Redeye Bass | Ga. Hwy 136 | No Restrictions |          |

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

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

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

| <b>Species</b>    | <b>Site Tested</b> | <b>Recommendation</b> | <b>Chemical</b> |
|-------------------|--------------------|-----------------------|-----------------|
| Largemouth Bass   | U.S. Hwy 84        | 1 meal/month          | Mercury         |
| Bullhead          | U.S. Hwy 84        | 1 meal/week           | Mercury         |
| Redbreast Sunfish | U.S. Hwy 84        | 1 meal/week           | Mercury         |
| Channel Catfish   | U.S. Hwy 301       | 1 meal/week           | Mercury         |

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

| <b>Species</b>        | <b>Site Tested</b> | <b>Recommendation</b> | <b>Chemical</b> |
|-----------------------|--------------------|-----------------------|-----------------|
| Largemouth Bass       | Ga. Hwy. 252       | 1 meal/month          | Mercury         |
| Redbreast Sunfish     | Ga. Hwy. 252       | 1 meal/month          | Mercury         |
| Flathead Catfish <30" | Ga. Hwy. 252       | 1 meal/month          | Mercury         |
| Flathead Catfish >30" | Ga. Hwy. 252       | Do Not Eat            | Mercury         |

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

| <b>Species</b>    | <b>Site Tested</b>                  | <b>Recommendation</b> | <b>Chemical</b> |
|-------------------|-------------------------------------|-----------------------|-----------------|
| Largemouth Bass   | Above New Savannah Bluff Lock & Dam | 1 meal/week           | Mercury         |
| Spotted Sucker    | Above New Savannah Bluff Lock & Dam | 1 meal/week           | Mercury         |
| Redear Sunfish    | Above Stevens Cr. Dam               | No Restrictions       |                 |
| Redbreast Sunfish | Below Stevens Cr. Dam               | No Restrictions       |                 |

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

| <b>Species</b>  | <b>Site Tested</b>                  | <b>Recommendation</b> | <b>Chemical</b> |
|-----------------|-------------------------------------|-----------------------|-----------------|
| Largemouth Bass | Below New Savannah Bluff Lock & Dam | 1 meal/week           | Mercury         |
| Sucker          | Below New Savannah Bluff Lock & Dam | No Restrictions       |                 |
| Striped Mullet  | Below New Savannah Bluff Lock & Dam | No Restrictions       |                 |

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**Savannah River (Screven County)*****Savannah River Basin***

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

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

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

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

| <b>Species</b>    | <b>Site Tested</b> | <b>Recommendation</b> | <b>Chemical</b> |
|-------------------|--------------------|-----------------------|-----------------|
| Largemouth Bass   | Near Rincon        | 1 meal/month          | Mercury         |
| White Catfish     | Near Rincon        | 1 meal/week           | Mercury         |
| Redbreast Sunfish | Near Rincon        | No Restrictions       |                 |
| Bowfin            | Near Rincon        | 1 meal/month          | Mercury         |

**Savannah River (Chatham County)*****Savannah River Basin***

| <b>Species</b>  | <b>Site Tested</b>    | <b>Recommendation</b> | <b>Chemical</b> |
|-----------------|-----------------------|-----------------------|-----------------|
| Largemouth Bass | I-95 and U.S. Hwy. 17 | 1 meal/week           | Mercury         |
| Channel Catfish | U.S. Hwy. 17          | No Restrictions       |                 |
| Striped Mullet  | Hwy. 17, Front River  | No Restrictions       |                 |

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

| <b>Species</b> | <b>Site Tested</b> | <b>Recommendation</b> | <b>Chemical</b> |
|----------------|--------------------|-----------------------|-----------------|
| Red Drum       | Tidal Gate         | No Restrictions       |                 |
| White Catfish  | Tidal Gate         | 1 meal/week           | Mercury         |

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

| <b>Species</b>                         | <b>Site Tested</b>                           | <b>Recommendation</b> | <b>Chemical</b> |
|----------------------------------------|----------------------------------------------|-----------------------|-----------------|
| Striped Bass 27" and greater in length | Multiple locations, over section noted above | 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.

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

| <b>Species</b>     | <b>Site Tested</b> | <b>Recommendation</b> | <b>Chemical</b> |
|--------------------|--------------------|-----------------------|-----------------|
| Alabama Hog Sucker | Ga. Hwy 120        | No Restrictions       |                 |
| Bluegill Sunfish   | Ga. Hwy 120        | No Restrictions       |                 |

**Short Creek (Warren County)*****Ogeechee River Basin***

| <b>Species</b> | <b>Site Tested</b> | <b>Recommendation</b> | <b>Chemical</b> |
|----------------|--------------------|-----------------------|-----------------|
| Sunfish        | Warren County      | 1 meal/week           | Mercury         |

**Slab Camp Creek (Oconee County)*****Oconee River Basin***

| <b>Species</b>    | <b>Site Tested</b> | <b>Recommendation</b> | <b>Chemical</b> |
|-------------------|--------------------|-----------------------|-----------------|
| Greater Jumprock  | Watson Spring Road | No Restrictions       |                 |
| Redbreast Sunfish | Watson Spring Road | No Restrictions       |                 |

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

| <b>Species</b>   | <b>Site Tested</b>      | <b>Recommendation</b> | <b>Chemical</b> |
|------------------|-------------------------|-----------------------|-----------------|
| Bluegill Sunfish | Hwy. 155, Panola Shoals | 1 meal/week           | PCBs            |
| Snail Bullhead   | Hwy. 155, Panola Shoals | 1 meal/week           | PCBs            |

**South River (Henry County)*****Ocmulgee River Basin***

| <b>Species</b>  | <b>Site Tested</b>    | <b>Recommendation</b> | <b>Chemical</b> |
|-----------------|-----------------------|-----------------------|-----------------|
| Largemouth Bass | Snapping Shoals       | 1 meal/week           | PCBs            |
| Silver Redhorse | Snapping Shoals       | No Restrictions       |                 |
| Channel Catfish | Below Snapping Shoals | No Restrictions       |                 |

**South River (Butts County)*****Ocmulgee River Basin***

| <b>Species</b>    | <b>Site Tested</b> | <b>Recommendation</b> | <b>Chemical</b> |
|-------------------|--------------------|-----------------------|-----------------|
| Black Crappie     | Ga. Hwy. 36        | No Restrictions       |                 |
| Largemouth Bass   | Ga. Hwy. 36        | No Restrictions       |                 |
| Channel Catfish   | Ga. Hwy. 36        | No Restrictions       |                 |
| Redbreast Sunfish | Ga. Hwy. 36        | No Restrictions       |                 |

**Spirit Creek*****Savannah River Basin***

| <b>Species</b>  | <b>Site Tested</b>          | <b>Recommendation</b> | <b>Chemical</b> |
|-----------------|-----------------------------|-----------------------|-----------------|
| Largemouth Bass | Above Richmond Factory Pond | No Restrictions       |                 |
| Spotted Sucker  | Above Richmond Factory Pond | No Restrictions       |                 |
| Redear Sunfish  | Above Richmond Factory Pond | No Restrictions       |                 |

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

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

**Stamp Creek (Cherokee County)****Coosa River Basin**

| Species       | Site Tested  | Recommendation  | Chemical |
|---------------|--------------|-----------------|----------|
| Rainbow Trout | Pine Log WMA | No Restrictions |          |

**Stekoa Creek****Savannah River Basin**

| Species          | Site Tested  | Recommendation  | Chemical |
|------------------|--------------|-----------------|----------|
| Striped Jumprock | Rabun County | No Restrictions |          |

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

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

**Sugar Creek (Murray County)****Coosa River Basin**

| Species         | Site Tested      | Recommendation | Chemical |
|-----------------|------------------|----------------|----------|
| Golden Redhorse | Sugar Creek Road | 1 meal/week    | Mercury  |

**Sumac Creek (Murray County)****Coosa River Basin**

| Species         | Site Tested | Recommendation | Chemical |
|-----------------|-------------|----------------|----------|
| Golden Redhorse | Hwy. 225    | 1 meal/week    | Mercury  |

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

| Species          | Site Tested                   | Recommendation | Chemical |
|------------------|-------------------------------|----------------|----------|
| Largemouth Bass  | Short Camp Road               | 1 meal/month   | Mercury  |
| Bullhead Catfish | Short Camp Road               | 1 meal/week    | Mercury  |
| Chain Pickerel   | Short Camp Road<br>& U.S. 441 | 1 meal/week    | Mercury  |
| Flier            | U.S. Hwy 441                  | 1 meal/week    | Mercury  |

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

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

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

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

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

| <b>Species</b>     | <b>Site Tested</b> | <b>Recommendation</b> | <b>Chemical</b> |
|--------------------|--------------------|-----------------------|-----------------|
| Blacktail Redhorse | U.S. Hwy. 27       | No Restrictions       |                 |
| Bluegill Sunfish   | U.S. Hwy. 27       | No Restrictions       |                 |
| Blacktail Redhorse | Ga. Hwy. 100       | 1 meal/week           | Mercury         |

**Tallulah River, Towns County*****Savannah River Basin***

| <b>Species</b> | <b>Site Tested</b>  | <b>Recommendation</b> | <b>Chemical</b> |
|----------------|---------------------|-----------------------|-----------------|
| Rainbow Trout  | Charlies Creek Road | No Restrictions       |                 |

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

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

**Upatoi Creek*****Chattahoochee River Basin***

| <b>Species</b>   | <b>Site Tested</b> | <b>Recommendation</b> | <b>Chemical</b> |
|------------------|--------------------|-----------------------|-----------------|
| Grayfin Redhorse | Above Mouth        | No Restrictions       |                 |

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

| <b>Species</b>    | <b>Site Tested</b> | <b>Recommendation</b> | <b>Chemical</b> |
|-------------------|--------------------|-----------------------|-----------------|
| Redbreast Sunfish | Ga. Hwy 122        | 1 meal/week           | Mercury         |
| Largemouth Bass   | Below Hwy 84       | 1 meal/month          | Mercury         |
| Redbreast Sunfish | Below Hwy 84       | No Restrictions       |                 |
| Spotted Sucker    | Below Hwy 84       | 1 meal/week           | Mercury         |

**Yahoola Creek (Consolidated Goldmine)*****Chattahoochee River Basin***

| <b>Species</b>     | <b>Site Tested</b> | <b>Recommendation</b> | <b>Chemical</b> |
|--------------------|--------------------|-----------------------|-----------------|
| Alabama Hog Sucker | Lumpkin County     | No Restrictions       |                 |

**Yellow River*****Ocmulgee River Basin***

| <b>Species</b>        | <b>Site Tested</b> | <b>Recommendation</b> | <b>Chemical</b> |
|-----------------------|--------------------|-----------------------|-----------------|
| Flat Bullhead Catfish | Porterdale Dam     | 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.

### Academy Creek

### *Satilla River Basin*

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

### Altamaha Sound

### *Altamaha River Basin*

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

### Cumberland Sound

### *St. Mary's Basin*

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

### Floyd Creek (to St. Andrews Sound)

### *Satilla River Basin*

| Species           | Site Tested                           | Recommendations | Chemical |
|-------------------|---------------------------------------|-----------------|----------|
| Blue Crab         | Floyd Creek,<br>So. of Floyd<br>Basin | No Restrictions |          |
| Southern Kingfish |                                       | No Restrictions |          |

### Hayners Creek

### *Ogeechee River Basin*

| Species   | Site Tested  | Recommendations | Chemical |
|-----------|--------------|-----------------|----------|
| Blue Crab | Above SR 204 | No Restrictions |          |

### Mud River

### *Ogeechee River Basin*

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

### North Newport River (Upper) and Cay/Peacock Cr.s, Riceboro *Ogeechee River Basin*

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

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

| Species    | Site Tested                   | Recommendations | Chemical |
|------------|-------------------------------|-----------------|----------|
| Tripletail | Northern end of Jekyll Island | No Restrictions |          |
| Sheepshead | Atlantic Ocean                | 1 meal/week     | Arsenic  |

**Sapelo Sound****Ogeechee River Basin**

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

**Savannah River Estuary****Savannah River Basin**

| Species        | Site Tested       | Recommendations | Chemical |
|----------------|-------------------|-----------------|----------|
| Striped Mullet | U.S. Hwy 17/SR 25 | No Restrictions |          |

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

| Species                                      | Site Tested       | Recommendations | Chemical |
|----------------------------------------------|-------------------|-----------------|----------|
| Striped Bass<br>27" and greater<br>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.

**Turtle River System:****Satilla River Basin****Purvis and Gibson Creeks , (St. Simons Estuary)**

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

\* Shellfish Ban: National Shellfish Sanitation Program. For information see Coastal Resources Division website: <http://crd.dnr.state.ga.us>

**Upper Turtle & Buffalo Rivers (St. Simons Estuary)****Satilla River Basin**

| Species                                                | Site Tested                                           | Recommendation  | Chemical        |
|--------------------------------------------------------|-------------------------------------------------------|-----------------|-----------------|
| Spotted Seatrout, Spot, Southern Kingfish (whiting),   | Turtle and Buffalo Rivers, Upriver of Georgia Hwy 303 | 1 meal/month    | PCBs            |
| Red Drum, Black Drum,                                  |                                                       | 1 meal/week     | PCBs            |
| Sheepshead                                             |                                                       | 1 meal/week     | PCBs, Mercury   |
| Blue Crab                                              |                                                       | 1 meal/week     | Mercury         |
| Shrimp, Flounder                                       |                                                       | No Restrictions |                 |
| Clams, Mussels, Oysters                                | Not applicable                                        | Do Not Eat      | Shellfish Ban * |
| * Shellfish Ban: National Shellfish Sanitation Program |                                                       |                 |                 |

**Middle Turtle River (St. Simons Estuary)****Satilla River Basin**

| Species                                                | Site Tested                       | Recommendation  | Chemical        |
|--------------------------------------------------------|-----------------------------------|-----------------|-----------------|
| Spot                                                   | State Hwy 303 to Channel Marker 9 | Do Not Eat      | PCBs            |
| Spotted Seatrout, Sheepshead, Striped Mullet,          |                                   | 1 meal/month    | PCBs            |
| Black Drum                                             |                                   | 1 meal/week     | PCBs            |
| Red Drum, Flounder                                     |                                   | 1 meal/week     | PCBs, Mercury   |
| Blue Crab                                              |                                   | 1 meal/week     | Mercury         |
| Shrimp                                                 |                                   | No Restrictions |                 |
| Clams, Mussels, Oysters                                | Not applicable                    | Do Not Eat      | Shellfish Ban * |
| * Shellfish Ban: National Shellfish Sanitation Program |                                   |                 |                 |

**Lower Turtle & South Brunswick Rivers (St. Simons Estuary)****Satilla River Basin**

| Species                                                           | Site Tested                                                                                     | Recommendation  | Chemical        |
|-------------------------------------------------------------------|-------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------|-----------------|-----------------|
| Atlantic Croaker, Spot                                            | Turtle River (From Channel Marker 9) and South Brunswick River (Downstream to Dubignon and Par- | 1 meal/month    | PCBs            |
| Spotted Seatrout, Black Drum, Southern Kingfish (whiting)         |                                                                                                 | 1 meal/week     | PCBs            |
| Red Drum, Sheepshead, Striped Mullet, Blue Crab, Shrimp, Flounder |                                                                                                 | No Restrictions |                 |
| Clams, Mussels, Oysters                                           | Not applicable                                                                                  | Do Not Eat      | Shellfish Ban * |
| * Shellfish Ban: National Shellfish Sanitation Program            |                                                                                                 |                 |                 |

### Wassaw Sound

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

## SPECIAL LISTINGS

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

### Satilla River Basin

#### (St. Simons Estuary)

| Location                                                                                                                                                                                                                     | Species                                                                                                                       | Recommendation  | Chemical                              |
|------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------|-------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------|-----------------|---------------------------------------|
| Terry Creek<br>South of<br>Torras Cause-<br>way to Lanier<br>Basin                                                                                                                                                           | Silver Perch (Yellowtail)                                                                                                     | 1 meal/week     | PCBs,<br>Mercury                      |
|                                                                                                                                                                                                                              | Blue Crab, Shrimp, Spot,<br>Striped Mullet, Atlantic<br>Croaker, Southern Kingfish<br>(e.g. Ga. whiting), Spotted<br>Seatrout | No Restrictions |                                       |
| Terry &<br>Dupree Creeks<br>North of<br>Torras Cause-<br>way to Conflu-<br>ence with Back<br>River                                                                                                                           | Blue Crab, Shrimp                                                                                                             | No Restrictions | Toxaphene<br>and related<br>compounds |
|                                                                                                                                                                                                                              | Red Drum                                                                                                                      | 1 meal/week     |                                       |
|                                                                                                                                                                                                                              | Striped Mullet, Atlantic<br>Croaker, Southern King-<br>fish, Spotted Seatrout                                                 | 1 meal/month    |                                       |
|                                                                                                                                                                                                                              | Spot                                                                                                                          | Do Not Eat      |                                       |
| Back River 1<br>mi. above<br>Terry Cr. to<br>Confluence w/<br>Torras Cause-<br>way                                                                                                                                           | Blue Crab, Shrimp, Striped<br>Mullet, Atlantic Croaker,<br>Southern Kingfish, Spotted<br>Seatrout, Red Drum                   | No Restrictions | Toxaphene<br>and related<br>compounds |
|                                                                                                                                                                                                                              | Spot                                                                                                                          | 1 meal/month    |                                       |
| Back River<br>From<br>Causeway to<br>St. Simons<br>Sound                                                                                                                                                                     | Blue Crab, Shrimp, Spot,<br>Striped Mullet, Southern<br>Kingfish, Spotted Seatrout,<br>Red Drum                               | No Restrictions | Toxaphene<br>and related<br>compounds |
|                                                                                                                                                                                                                              | Atlantic Croaker                                                                                                              | 1 meal/week     |                                       |
| Do Not Eat Clams, Mussels or Oysters; Shellfish Ban, Nat'l Shellfish Sanitation<br>Program. For information see Coastal Resources Division website: <a href="http://crd.dnr.state.ga.us">http://<br/>crd.dnr.state.ga.us</a> |                                                                                                                               |                 |                                       |

## Atlantic Ocean

| Location            | Species         | Recommendation | Chemical |
|---------------------|-----------------|----------------|----------|
| DRH Artificial Reef | Summer Flounder | 1 meal/month   | Arsenic  |
| CDH Reef            | Summer Flounder | 1 meal/month   | Arsenic  |
| HLHA Reef           | Summer Flounder | 1 meal/month   | Arsenic  |
| J Artificial Reef   | Summer Flounder | 1 meal/month   | Arsenic  |
| JY Artificial Reef  | Summer Flounder | 1 meal/month   | Arsenic  |
| SFC Reef            | Summer Flounder | 1 meal/month   | Arsenic  |

**SPECIAL MERCURY GUIDANCE ON 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.

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. This is Georgia’s first consumption advisory for ocean waters. The king mackerel is a migratory species with the Atlantic population ranging from South Florida through North Carolina and into the Mid-Atlantic.

**King Mackerel: Atlantic Ocean Offshore Georgia Coast** *Atlantic Ocean*

| Size Range (Fork Length = FL)                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                  | Recommendation                                                                          |
|----------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------|-----------------------------------------------------------------------------------------|
| 24 to Less than 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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