

FISH CONSUMPTION GUIDELINES: RIVERS & CREEKS

NO RESTRICTIONS	Bass, Largemouth	Bass, Other	Bass, Shoal	Bass, Spotted	Bass, Striped	Bass, White	Bluegill	Bowfin	Buffalo	Bullhead	Carp	Catfish, Blue	Catfish, Channel	Catfish, Flathead	Catfish, White	Crappie	Mullet, Striped	Perch, Yellow	Pickereel, Chain	Redbreast	Redhorse	Redear	Sucker	Sunfish, Green	Sunfish, Other	Trout, Brown	Trout, Rainbow	
ONE MEAL PER WEEK																												
ONE MEAL PER MONTH																												
DO NOT EAT																												
NO DATA																												
Alapaha River	NO RESTRICTIONS									DO NOT EAT											DO NOT EAT		ONE MEAL PER WEEK					
Alapahoochee River										ONE MEAL PER WEEK																		
Allatoona Crk. (Cobb Co.)				ONE MEAL PER WEEK																				ONE MEAL PER WEEK				
Altamaha River	ONE MEAL PER WEEK						ONE MEAL PER WEEK					ONE MEAL PER WEEK		ONE MEAL PER WEEK			ONE MEAL PER WEEK											
Altamaha River (below US Route 25)	ONE MEAL PER WEEK												ONE MEAL PER WEEK	ONE MEAL PER WEEK			ONE MEAL PER WEEK											
Apalachee River	DO NOT EAT											DO NOT EAT	DO NOT EAT															
Beaver Crk. (Taylor Co.)										ONE MEAL PER MONTH																		
Brier Crk. (Burke Co.)	ONE MEAL PER WEEK																							ONE MEAL PER WEEK				
Canoochee River (Hwy 192 to Lotts Crk.)	ONE MEAL PER WEEK									ONE MEAL PER WEEK			ONE MEAL PER WEEK									ONE MEAL PER WEEK						
Canoochee River (Lotts Crk. to Ogeechee River)	ONE MEAL PER WEEK									ONE MEAL PER WEEK			ONE MEAL PER WEEK									ONE MEAL PER WEEK						
Casey Canal	DO NOT EAT						ONE MEAL PER WEEK										ONE MEAL PER WEEK											
Chattahoochee River (Helen to Lk. Lanier)	ONE MEAL PER WEEK	ONE MEAL PER WEEK	ONE MEAL PER WEEK	ONE MEAL PER WEEK	DO NOT EAT					ONE MEAL PER WEEK			DO NOT EAT									ONE MEAL PER WEEK						
(Buford Dam to Morgan Falls Dam)	ONE MEAL PER WEEK										ONE MEAL PER WEEK								ONE MEAL PER WEEK							DO NOT EAT	DO NOT EAT	
(Morgan Falls Dam to Peachtree Crk.)	DO NOT EAT	DO NOT EAT	DO NOT EAT	DO NOT EAT	DO NOT EAT *		ONE MEAL PER WEEK			ONE MEAL PER WEEK			DO NOT EAT										ONE MEAL PER WEEK			DO NOT EAT	DO NOT EAT	
(Peachtree Crk. to Pea Crk.)	ONE MEAL PER WEEK	ONE MEAL PER WEEK	ONE MEAL PER WEEK	ONE MEAL PER WEEK	DO NOT EAT *		ONE MEAL PER WEEK			ONE MEAL PER WEEK			DO NOT EAT										DO NOT EAT					
(Pea Crk. to West Point Lk., below Franklin)	ONE MEAL PER WEEK			ONE MEAL PER WEEK	DO NOT EAT *								DO NOT EAT															
(West Point dam to I-85)	DO NOT EAT			ONE MEAL PER WEEK						ONE MEAL PER WEEK																		
(Oliver Dam to Upatoi Crk.)	ONE MEAL PER WEEK			ONE MEAL PER WEEK						ONE MEAL PER WEEK																		
Chattooga River (NE Georgia, Rabun County)																						ONE MEAL PER WEEK	ONE MEAL PER WEEK	ONE MEAL PER WEEK			DO NOT EAT	
Chestatee River (below Tesnatee Riv.)				ONE MEAL PER WEEK									DO NOT EAT									DO NOT EAT						
Chickamauga Crk. (West)				ONE MEAL PER WEEK																		DO NOT EAT						
Cohulla Crk. (Whitfield Co.)																						ONE MEAL PER WEEK						
Conasauga River (below Stateline)				ONE MEAL PER WEEK		ONE MEAL PER WEEK			ONE MEAL PER WEEK																			
Coosa River (River Mile Zero to Hwy 100, Floyd Co.)	ONE MEAL PER WEEK			ONE MEAL PER WEEK	<20"	DO NOT EAT			DO NOT EAT		<18"	18-32"	>32"															
Coosa River (Hwy 100 to Stateline, Floyd Co.)	ONE MEAL PER WEEK			ONE MEAL PER WEEK	<20"	DO NOT EAT			ONE MEAL PER WEEK		<18"	18-32"	>32"	ONE MEAL PER WEEK		ONE MEAL PER WEEK												
Coosa River (Coosa, Etowah below Thompson-Weinman dam, Oostanaula)				ONE MEAL PER WEEK	<20"	DO NOT EAT																						
Coosawattee River (below Carters)							ONE MEAL PER WEEK		ONE MEAL PER WEEK																			
Etowah River (Dawson Co.)																							ONE MEAL PER WEEK					
Etowah River (above Lake Allatoona)				ONE MEAL PER WEEK																		ONE MEAL PER WEEK						
Etowah River (below Lake Allatoona dam)	ONE MEAL PER WEEK			ONE MEAL PER WEEK	DO NOT EAT	DO NOT EAT	DO NOT EAT		ONE MEAL PER WEEK			DO NOT EAT																
Flint River (Spalding/Fayette Cos.)	ONE MEAL PER WEEK																							ONE MEAL PER WEEK				
Flint River (Meriwether/Upson/Pike Cos.)			ONE MEAL PER WEEK										DO NOT EAT	DO NOT EAT							DO NOT EAT							
Flint River (Taylor Co.)	ONE MEAL PER WEEK		DO NOT EAT																									
Flint River (Macon/Dooley/Worth/Lee Cos.)													DO NOT EAT															
Flint River (Dougherty/Baker Mitchell Cos.)																												
Gum Crk. (Crisp Co.)										DO NOT EAT																		
Holly Crk. (Murray Co.)																							ONE MEAL PER WEEK					
Ichawaynochaway Crk.	ONE MEAL PER WEEK																							DO NOT EAT				
Kinchafoonee Crk. (above Albany)	ONE MEAL PER WEEK																							ONE MEAL PER WEEK				
Little River (above Clarks Hill Lake)	ONE MEAL PER WEEK																							DO NOT EAT	DO NOT EAT			
Little River (above Ga. Hwy 133, Valdosta)	ONE MEAL PER WEEK																							DO NOT EAT	DO NOT EAT			
Mill Crk. (Murray Co.)																							ONE MEAL PER WEEK					
Muckalee Crk. (above Albany)	ONE MEAL PER WEEK																							ONE MEAL PER WEEK				

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ONE MEAL PER WEEK																												
ONE MEAL PER MONTH																												
DO NOT EAT																												
NO DATA																												
Ochlockonee River (Moultrie to Thomasville)																												
Ochlockonee River (Thomasville to state line)																												
Ocmulgee River (below Macon, Bibb Co.)																												
Ocmulgee River (Houston/Twiggs Co.)																												
Ocmulgee River (Telfair/Wheeler Cos.)																												
Oconee River (above Barnett Shoals)																												
Oconee River (Milledgeville to I-16)																												
Ogeechee River (all to Ft. McAllister)																												
Ohoopsee River (Emanuel/Toombs Cos.)																												
Okefenokee Swamp (Billy's Lake)																												
Oostanaula River (Floyd/Gordon Cos.)																												
Patsiliga Crk. (upstream of Beaver Crk., Taylor Co.)																												
Patsiliga Crk. (downstream of Beaver Crk.)																												
Pipemaker Canal																												
Proctor Crk. (near Atlanta Fulton Co.)																												
Satilla River (Waycross, Ware/Pierce Cos.)																												
Satilla River (near Folkston, Camden Co.)																												
Savannah River (above & below New Sav. Bluff Lock & Dam)																												
Savannah River (Chatham/Screven Cos.)																												
Savannah River (Effingham)																												
Savannah River (Ft. Howard)																												
Savannah River (Tidal Gate)																												
Savannah River (New Savannah Bluff Lock & Dam to Savannah Estuary)																												
Short Crk. (Warren Co.)																												
South River (Panola Shoals, Rockdale Co.)																												
South River (Henry Co., Snapping Shoals)																												
Spring Crk. (Seminole/Decatur/Miller Cos.)																												
St. Mary's River (Camden Co.)																												
St. Mary's River (Charlton Co.)																												
Sugar Crk. (Murray Co.)																												
Sumac Crk. (Murray Co.)																												
Suwannee River																												
Swamp Crk. (Redwine Cove Road)																												
Talking Rock Crk.																												
Tallapoosa River (US Hwy 127)																												
Tallapoosa River (GA Hwy 100)																												
Trib. To Hudson River (Alto, Banks Co.)																												
Withlacoochee River (Berrien/Lowndes Cos.)																												

* This striped bass population migrates annually between West Point Lake and Morgan Falls Dam.

†† Women who are pregnant or nursing and young children may wish to further restrict their consumption due to the variable mercury levels in these fish.

FISH CONSUMPTION GUIDELINES: LAKES

NO RESTRICTIONS	Bass, Hybrid	Bass, Largemouth	Bass, Spotted	Bass, Striped	Bass, Other	Bluegill	Bullhead	Carp	Crappie	Catfish, Blue	Catfish, Channel	Catfish, Flathead	Catfish, Other	Suckers	Sunfish, Redear	Walleye
ONE MEAL PER WEEK																
ONE MEAL PER MONTH																
DO NOT EAT																
NO DATA																
A H Stephens State Park											<16"					
Albany By-Pass Pond																
Acworth		>16"														
Allatoona	>16"	>16"	>16"													
Andrews		>12"														
Banks		12-16"														
Bartlett's Ferry	>16"	>16"	>12"	>16"					>12"							
Bear Crk. Reservoir		12-16"									>12"					
Black Shoals (Randy Poynter)		12-16"									>12"					
Blackshear		>12"							>12"		>12"					
Big Lazer PFA		>16"														
Blue Ridge		12-16"			12-16"						>16"					
Burton		>16"	12-16"													>16"
Pond N. Bush Field (Augusta)		12-16"														
Carters Lake		>16"	>16"													
Chatuge	>16"	>12"	12-16"													
Clarks Hill		>16"														
Evans County PFA		>16"														
Flat Creek PFA (Lonice Barrett Lake)		>12"									>12"					
Goat Rock	<12" >12"	>16"									12-16" >16"					
Hamburg		12-16"														
Hartwell (Tugaloo Arm)	12-16" >16"	>12"		12-16" >16"				>16"			>16"					>16"
Hartwell (main body of lake)																
Hugh M. Gillis PFA		12-16"														
Jackson																
Juliette		>16"														
Ken Gardens		>12"														
Kolomoki Mounds S.P. - Kolomoki L.		>12"														
Kolomoki Mounds S.P. - Yohola L.		>12"														
Lanier				>16"				>16"			>16"					>16"
Little Ocmulgee S. P.		>16"											12-16"			
Marben PFA		>12"														
Mayers (Baxley)		12-16"							<12"							
McDuffie PFA, West																
Nottely		>12"		>16"												
Oliver		>12"									>16"					
Rabun		>16"											>16"			>16"
Reed Bingham S.P.		>12"											>16"			
Richard B. Russell		>12"														
Seminole		>12"														
So. Slappy Blvd. Off-ramp (Albany)		12-16" >16"														
Stone Mountain		>16"														
Tobesofkee		>12"														
Tugalo		>12"														>16"
Tribble Mill Pk. Pond (Gwinnett Co.)		12-16"														
Varner		>12"														
West Point	>16"										>16"					
Worth (Chehaw Reservoir)		12-16"									>16"					
Worth (Flint Reservoir)		>12"														
Yonah		12-16"											12-16"			>16"

FISH CONSUMPTION GUIDELINES: COASTAL RIVERS & CREEKS

NO RESTRICTIONS	Atlantic Croaker	Bass, Striped	Blue Crab	Drum, Black	Drum, Red	Flounder	Sheepshead	Southern Kingfish (Whiting)	Spot	Spotted Seatrout	Striped Mullet	Shrimp	Yellowtail (Silver Perch)	Summer Flounder
ONE MEAL PER WEEK														
ONE MEAL PER MONTH														
DO NOT EAT														
NO DATA														
Turtle River System (Purvis, Gibson Crks.)	Red	Green	Blue	Blue	Blue	Blue	Blue	Red	Orange	Orange	Red	Green	Green	Green
Turtle & Buffalo Rivers (upriver Hwy 303)	Orange	Green	Blue	Blue	Blue	Green	Blue	Blue	Orange	Blue	Orange	Green	Green	Green
Turtle River (Hwy 303 to Channel Marker 9)	Orange	Green	Blue	Blue	Blue	Blue	Blue	Orange	Orange	Blue	Orange	Blue	Green	Green
Turtle River (C. Marker 9 & So. Brunswick River to Dubignons & Parsons Crk.s)	Blue	Green	Green	Green	Green	Green	Blue	Blue	Blue	Blue	Blue	Green	Green	Green
Terry Crk. (South of Torras Causeway to Lanier Basin)	Green	Green	Green	Green	Green	Green	Green	Green	Green	Green	Green	Green	Blue	Green
Terry & Dupree Crk.s (North of Torras Causeway to Confluence w/ Back River)	Blue	Green	Green	Green	Green	Green	Blue	Blue	Blue	Orange	Green	Green	Green	Green
Back River (1 mi. above Terry Crk. to Confluence with Torras Causeway)	Blue	Green	Green	Green	Green	Green	Green	Green	Green	Green	Green	Green	Green	Green
Back River (South of Torras Cswy. to St. Simons Sound)	Green	Green	Green	Green	Green	Green	Green	Green	Green	Green	Green	Green	Green	Green
North Newport (Upper), incl. Cay/Peacock	Green	Green	Blue	Blue	Blue	Blue	Blue	Blue	Blue	Blue	Blue	Blue	Blue	Blue
Savannah Estuary	Green	Orange (≥27")	Green	Green	Green	Green	Green	Green	Green	Green	Green	Green	Green	Green
Atlantic Ocean	Blue	Blue	Blue	Blue	Blue	Blue	Blue	Blue	Blue	Blue	Blue	Blue	Blue	Orange

KING MACKEREL SPECIAL JOINT STATE CONSUMPTION GUIDANCE ISSUED BY GEORGIA, NORTH CAROLINA, SOUTH CAROLINA AND FLORIDA FOR SOUTH ATLANTIC OCEAN

SIZE RANGE (FORK LENGTH, INCHES)	RECOMMENDATIONS FOR MEAL CONSUMPTION OF KING MACKEREL CAUGHT OFFSHORE GEORGIA COAST
24 to less than 33 inches	No Restrictions
33 to 39 inches	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	Do Not Eat

Saltwater Advisory

Harmful toxins called PCBs are stored in the hepatopancreas ("the green gland" also known as the mustard, tomalley, or liver) found in the body section of blue crabs.

Recent studies have shown that crabs in the Middle Turtle River and Purvis and Gibson Creeks contain high levels of PCBs. While the crab meat may still be eaten in recommended amounts, the hepatopancreas should not be eaten because of the high PCB levels.

If crabs are cooked whole, the juice should not be consumed. Because PCBs are transferred to cooking liquid, crab cooking liquid should also be discarded.

Cleaning crabs before you cook them ("backing" the crabs and rinsing out the guts and the gills) reduces the risk of consuming PCBs.



2018 Forestry for Wildlife Partners

The Georgia Department of Natural Resources, Wildlife Resources Division, proudly honors the 2018 Forestry for Wildlife Partners for their outstanding accomplishments in incorporating fish and wildlife conservation practices as an integral part of their overall land management goals.

