

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

* 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		Blue	Blue	Blue	Blue	Blue	Red	Orange	Orange	Red	Green		
Turtle & Buffalo Rivers (upriver Hwy 303)	Orange					Green		Blue	Orange	Blue	Orange	Green		
Turtle River (Hwy 303 to Channel Marker 9)	Orange							Orange	Orange		Orange	Blue		
Turtle River (C. Marker 9 & So. Brunswick River to Dubignons & Parsons Crk.s)	Blue		Green	Green	Green	Green		Blue	Blue	Blue	Blue	Green		
Terry Crk. (South of Torras Causeway to Lanier Basin)	Green		Green					Green	Green	Green	Green	Green	Blue	
Terry & Dupree Crk.s (North of Torras Causeway to Confluence w/ Back River)	Blue		Green					Blue	Blue		Orange	Green		
Back River (1 mi. above Terry Crk. to Confluence with Torras Causeway)	Blue							Green	Green	Green	Green	Green		
Back River (South of Torras Cswy. to St. Simons Sound)	Green		Green					Green	Green	Green	Green	Green		
North Newport (Upper), incl. Cay/Peacock			Blue											
Savannah Estuary		≥27"									Green			
Atlantic Ocean							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

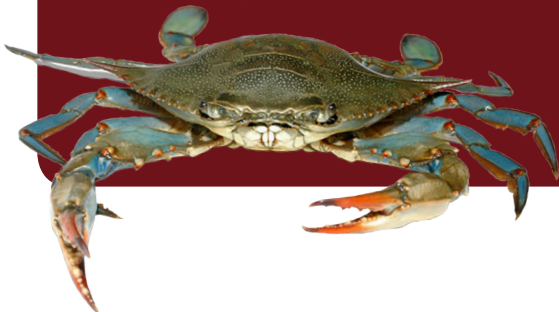
Saltwater Advisory

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.



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