

FISH CONSUMPTION GUIDELINES: RIVERS & CREEKS

	NO RESTRICTIONS																										
	ONE MEAL PER WEEK																										
	ONE MEAL PER MONTH																										
	DO NOT EAT																										
	NO DATA																										
	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
Ocmulgee River (Telfair/Wheeler Cos.)	Green																										
Oconee River (above Barnett Shoals)				Green			Green							Green	Orange						Green	Blue					
Oconee River (Milledgeville to I-16)														Green	Blue						Green						
Ogeechee River (all to Ft. McAllister)	Orange									Blue							Green				Blue			Blue			
Ohoopsee River (Emanuel/Toombs Cos.)														Blue							Blue						
Okefenokee Swamp (Billy's Lake)	Orange						Blue	Orange											Orange						Blue		
Oostanula River (Floyd/Gordon Cos.)	Blue			Blue	Orange		Green		Orange				Green														
Patsiliga Crk. (upstream of Beaver Crk., Taylor Co.)	Green	Orange																		Blue				Green			
Patsiliga Crk. (downstream of Beaver Crk.)	Orange	Orange	Orange																	Blue				Blue			
Pipemaker Canal	Blue																										
Proctor Crk. (near Atlanta Fulton Co.)										Blue											Orange				Orange		
Satilla River (Waycross, Ware/Pierce Cos.)	Orange									Blue																	
Satilla River (near Folkston, Camden Co.)	Orange									Blue				Orange	Blue						Blue						
Savannah River (above & below New Sav. Bluff Lock & Dam)	Blue						Green										Green				Green		Green	Blue			
Savannah River (Chatham/Scriven Cos.)	Orange						Blue														Green		Green				
Savannah River (Effingham)	Blue							Orange					Green		Blue	Blue					Green						
Savannah River (Ft. Howard)	Blue							Orange					Green		Blue	Blue					Green						
Savannah River (Tidal Gate)															Blue	Blue	Green										
Savannah River (New Savannah Bluff Lock & Dam to Savannah Estuary)					Orange	≥27" ††	Green																				
Short Crk. (Warren Co.)							Blue														Blue		Blue			Blue	
South River (Panola Shoals, Rockdale Co.)	Green						Blue			Blue																	
South River (Henry Co., Snapping Shoals)	Green			Green									Green			Blue						Green					
Spring Crk. (Seminole/Decatur/Miller Cos.)	Blue																						Blue	Blue			
St. Marys River (Camden Co.)	Orange						Blue											Green									
St. Marys River (Charlton Co.)	Orange						Blue						Blue								Green						
Sugar Crk. (Murray Co.)																											
Sumac Crk. (Murray Co.)																											
Suwannee River								Orange		Green											Blue					Blue	
Swamp Crk. (Redwine Cove Road)			Blue																								
Talking Rock Crk.			Blue																								
Tallapoosa River (US Hwy 127)	Green						Green			Green												Green					
Tallapoosa River (GA Hwy 100)							Green			Green																	
Trib. To Hudson River (Alto, Banks Co.)			Blue							Green																	
Withlacoochee River (Berrien/Lowndes Cos.)	Orange																				Blue			Blue			

* 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.

DNR AT WORK

Collecting genetic data from bass is as simple as a tongue swab. DNA from the swabs is tested as part of an ongoing assessment of the West Point Lake largemouth bass stocking program. The DNA data will help identify previously stocked fish and provide valuable evidence as to the success of the ongoing stocking program.



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NO RESTRICTIONS	Atlantic Croaker	Bass, Striped	Bluefish	Blue Crab	Drum, Black	Drum, Red	Flounder	Sheepshead	Southern Kingfish (Whiting)	Spot	Spotted Seatrout	Striped Mullet	Shrimp	Tripletail
ONE MEAL PER WEEK														
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NO DATA														
Turtle River System (Purvis, Gibson Crks.)	Red								Red					
Turtle & Buffalo Rivers (upriver Hwy 303)					Green		Green			Red			Green	
Turtle River (Hwy 303 to Channel Marker 9)	Orange								Orange	Orange		Orange		
Turtle River (Channel Marker 9, South Brunswick River to Dubignon & Parsons Creeks)				Green		Green	Green						Green	
Terry & Dupree Creeks (Dupree Creek to 0.5 mile below confluence with Terry Creek)	Orange			Orange		Orange			Orange	Orange		Orange		
Terry & Dupree Creeks (Terry Creek 0.75 mile above Back River to confluence with Back River)	Orange		Blue	Orange		Orange			Orange	Orange		Orange		
Back River (North of Torras Causeway)	Orange			Orange		Orange			Orange	Orange		Blue		
Back River (South of Torras Causeway)	Orange		Blue	Orange		Orange			Orange	Orange		Orange		
Academy Creek				Green										
Savannah Estuary		≥27"						Blue					Green	
Wassaw Sound											Green		Green	
Ossabaw Sound				Green								Green		
St. Catherine's Sound				Blue									Green	
Sapelo Sound													Green	
Altamaha Sound							Green				Green	Blue		
St. Simons Sound														Green
St. Andrew Sound				Green					Green	Green	Green			
Cumberland Sound													Green	
Atlantic Ocean							Blue				Green			

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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