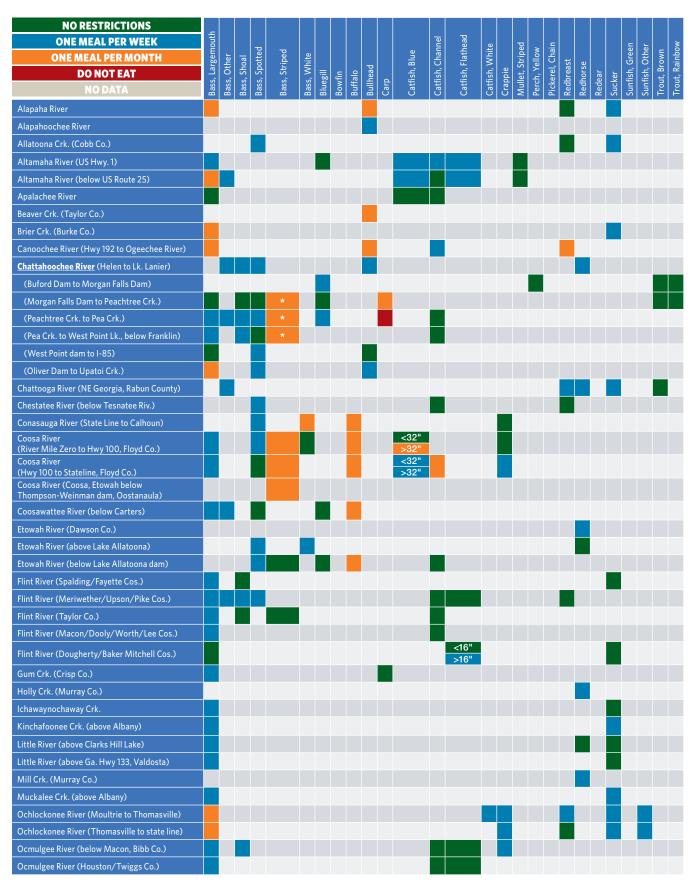
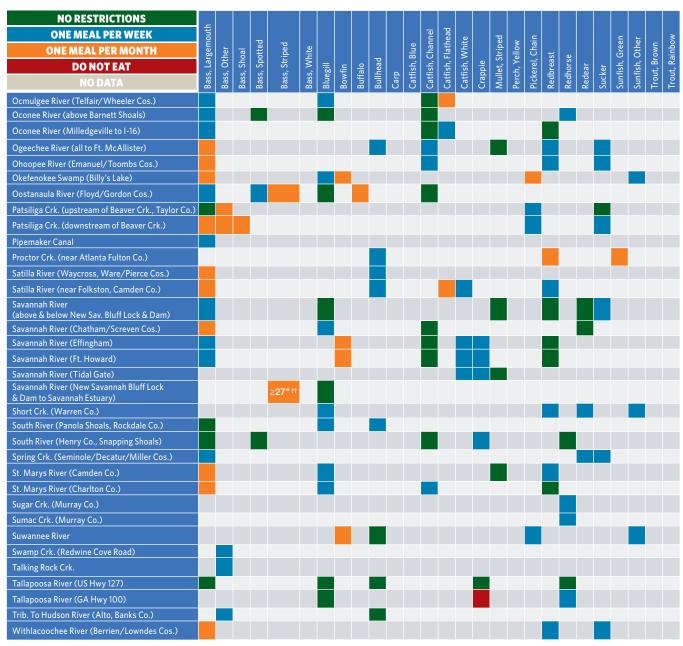
# **FISH CONSUMPTION GUIDELINES: RIVERS & CREEKS**



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- \* 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.



# **FISH CONSUMPTION GUIDELINES: LAKES**

NO RESTRICTIONS																	
ONE MEAL PER WEEK		uth									<u> </u>	ad				<u></u>	
ONE MEAL PER MONTH	rig Pi	emo	ted	ped	r G					ne	hanr	athe	ther			eqes	
DO NOT EAT	Bass, Hybrid	Bass, Largemouth	Spotted	Striped	Bass, Other	≡	ead		oje.	Catfish, Blue	Catfish, Channel	Catfish, Flathead	Catfish, Other	Redbreast	sıs	Sunfish, Redear	, ye
NO DATA	ass,	ass,	Bass, 9	Bass,	ass,	Bluegill	Bullhead	Carp	Crappie	atfis	atfis	atfis	atfis	edbr	Suckers	unfis	Walleye
A H Stephens State Park	Δ	<16"	Δ.	- Δ	Δ	Δ.	<u>α</u>	O	O	O	>12"	O	O	~	S	S	>
Albany By-Pass Pond		<10									212						
Acworth																	
Allatoona	12-16" >16"	<16" >16"	<12" >12"		<12" 12-16"				<12"								
Andrews																	
Banks		<12" 12-16"															
Bartlett's Ferry	<12" >16"	12-16" >16"	>12"	<16"	>16"				<12" >12"		<12" >16"						
Bear Crk. Reservoir		<16"									>12"						
Black Shoals (Randy Poynter)		>12"							<12"		<12" >12"						
Blackshear		12-16"							>12"		<12" 12-16"	>16"					
Big Lazer PFA		12-16" >16"									>16"						
Blue Ridge		12-16" >16"	<12" 12-16" 12-16"		12-16"						>12"						
Burton		>12"	12-16" >16"														>16"
Pond N. Bush Field (Augusta)		12-16"															
Carters Lake	>16"	>12"	<16" >16" 12-16" >16"	>16"							>12"						12-16" >16"
Chatuge	>16"	<16" >16"	12-16" >16"								>16"		12-16"				
Clarks Hill	<16"	<12" >12"	710				12-16"										
Evans County PFA		>12"									>16"						
Flat Creek PFA (Lonice Barrett Lake)		12-16" >16"									>16"						
Goat Rock	>12"	12-16"			<16"						12-16"						
Hamburg		<12" 12-16"									710						
Hartwell (Tugaloo Arm)	<12"	<16" >16"	12-16"	<12"				>16"									>16"
Hartwell (main body of lake)	>12"	>16"		>12"													
Heath Lake (Rocky Mountain PFA)											>16"						
High Falls	<12" >16"										>12"						
Hugh M. Gillis PFA		12-16"															
Jackson		<12" 12-16"					12-16"						<16"				
		>16" <16"															
Juliette		>16" 12-16"									>12"						
Ken Gardens		>16"					<12"				<16"						
Kolomoki Mounds S.P.		<12"		10.10													
Lanier		12-16"	>12"	12-16" >16"	12-16"			>16"									>16"
Little Ocmulgee S. P.		<12" >16"		710			12-16"										
Marben PFA		>12"									>16"						
Mayers (Baxley)		>12"							<12"								
McDuffie PFA (West)		>12"	401	400							>12"						
Nottely		<12" >12" <12" 12-16"	<16"	>16"							12-16"						
Oconee											<16"		<12"				
Oliver	<12"	>12"	40.40								>16"		-4 CII				10.10
Rabun		<12" >12"	12-16" >16"										<16" >16"				12-16" >16"
Reed Bingham S.P.		.4 CII											>16"				
Richard B. Russell		<16" >16"	<16"				<12"		<16"				<16" >16"				
Seminole							<12" 12-16"				>12"				>12"		
Sinclair							12-16"		<16"								
Stone Mountain		<12" >12"															
Tobesofkee		>12" <12" >12"															
Tugalo		<12" 12-16"	<16"										12-16"				12-16"
Tugalo		>16"	<b>-10</b>										12-10				>16"
Tribble Mill Pk. Pond (Gwinnett Co.)		12-16"									40"						
Varner	<12"	>12" 12-16"	<12"								>16" <16"						
West Point	<12" 12-16" >16"	>16"	12-16"	>16"							>16"						
Worth (Chehaw Reservoir)	>10	>12"										>12"					
Worth (Flint Reservoir)		12-16"									>16"						
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#### FISH CONSUMPTION GUIDELINES: COASTAL RIVERS & CREEKS

NO DESTRUCTIONS														
NO RESTRICTIONS	Atlantic Croaker	Bass, Striped	Bluefish	Blue Crab	Drum, Black	Drum, Red	Flounder	Sheepshead	Southern Kingfish (Whiting)		Spotted Seatrout	Striped Mullet	Shrimp	Tripletail
ONE MEAL PER WEEK														
ONE MEAL PER MONTH														
DO NOT EAT	antic													
NO DATA	Atla	Bas	Bu	Blu	Dru	Dru	Flou	She	Sou (W	Spot	Spo	Stri	Shr	崑
Turtle River System (Purvis, Gibson Crks.)														
Turtle & Buffalo Rivers (upriver Hwy 303)														
Turtle River (Hwy 303 to Channel Marker 9)														
Turtle River (Channel Marker 9, South Brunswick River to Dubignon & Parsons Creeks)														
Terry & Dupree Creeks (Dupree Creek to 0.5 mile below confluence with Terry Creek)														
Terry & Dupree Creeks (Terry Creek 0.75 mile above Back River to confluence with Back River)														
Back River (North of Torras Causeway)														
Back River (South of Torras Causeway)														
Academy Creek														
Savannah Estuary		≥27"												
Wassaw Sound														
Ossabaw Sound														
St. Catherine's Sound														
Sapelo Sound														
Altamaha Sound														
St. Simons Sound														
St. Andrew Sound														
Cumberland Sound														
Atlantic Ocean														

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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					
33 to 39 inches	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.

## **2022 FORESTRY FOR WILDLIFE PARTNERS**

The Georgia Department of Natural Resources' Wildlife Resources Division honors our 2022 Forestry for Wildlife Partners for their outstanding accomplishments in incorporating wildlife conservation practices as an integral part of their land management. These partners had a positive impact for wildlife habitat on about 1 million acres. Learn about FWP, including our new focus on partner projects and a lower minimum acreage at georgiawildlife.com/fwp.

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