

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	Pickereel, Chain	Redbreast	Redhorse	Redear	Sucker	Sunfish, Other
ONE MEAL PER WEEK																							
ONE MEAL PER MONTH																							
DO NOT EAT																							
NO DATA																							
Alapaha River	NO RESTRICTIONS									NO RESTRICTIONS										NO RESTRICTIONS			
Alapahoochee River										NO RESTRICTIONS													
Allatoona Creek (Cobb Co.)				NO RESTRICTIONS																			NO RESTRICTIONS
Altamaha River	NO RESTRICTIONS												NO RESTRICTIONS	NO RESTRICTIONS			NO RESTRICTIONS						
Altamaha River (below US Route 25)													NO RESTRICTIONS										
Apalachee River	NO RESTRICTIONS												NO RESTRICTIONS										
Beaver Creek (Taylor Co.)										NO RESTRICTIONS													
Brier Creek (Burke Co.)	NO RESTRICTIONS																						NO RESTRICTIONS
Canoochee River (Hwy 192 to Lotts Cr.)	NO RESTRICTIONS									NO RESTRICTIONS			NO RESTRICTIONS							NO RESTRICTIONS			
Ogeechee River Basin										NO RESTRICTIONS										NO RESTRICTIONS			
Casey Canal	NO RESTRICTIONS						NO RESTRICTIONS										NO RESTRICTIONS						
Chattooga River (NE Ga., Rabun Co.)																							
Chattahoochee River (Helen to Lk. Lanier)	NO RESTRICTIONS	NO RESTRICTIONS			NO RESTRICTIONS					NO RESTRICTIONS			NO RESTRICTIONS								NO RESTRICTIONS		NO RESTRICTIONS
Chattahoochee River (Buford Dam to Morgan Falls Dam)	NO RESTRICTIONS									NO RESTRICTIONS													
Chattahoochee River (Morgan Falls Dam to Peachtree Crk.)	NO RESTRICTIONS						NO RESTRICTIONS			NO RESTRICTIONS													NO RESTRICTIONS
Chattahoochee River (Peachtree Crk. to Pea Crk.)		NO RESTRICTIONS					NO RESTRICTIONS			NO RESTRICTIONS													NO RESTRICTIONS
Chattahoochee River (Pea Crk. to West Point Lk., below Franklin)	NO RESTRICTIONS			NO RESTRICTIONS									NO RESTRICTIONS										
Chattahoochee River (Morgan Falls Dam to West Pt. Lk.)					NO RESTRICTIONS																		
Chattahoochee River (West Point dam to I-85)	NO RESTRICTIONS			NO RESTRICTIONS																			
Chattahoochee River (Oliver Dam to Upatoi Crk.)	NO RESTRICTIONS									NO RESTRICTIONS				NO RESTRICTIONS									
Chestatee River (below Tesnatee Riv.)				NO RESTRICTIONS									NO RESTRICTIONS										
Chickamauga Creek (West)																				NO RESTRICTIONS			
Cohulla Creek (Whitfield Co.)																					NO RESTRICTIONS		
Conasauga River (below Stateline)				NO RESTRICTIONS		NO RESTRICTIONS			NO RESTRICTIONS														
Coosa River (River Mile Zero to Hwy 100, Floyd Co.)	NO RESTRICTIONS			NO RESTRICTIONS	<20"	≥20"			NO RESTRICTIONS			<18"	18-32"	>32"									
Coosa River (Hwy 100 to Stateline, Floyd Co.)	NO RESTRICTIONS			NO RESTRICTIONS	<20"	≥20"			NO RESTRICTIONS			<18"	18-32"	>32"	NO RESTRICTIONS								
Coosa River (Coosa, Etowah below Thompson-Weinman dam, Oostanaula)					<20"	≥20"																	
Coosawattee River (below Carters)							NO RESTRICTIONS		NO RESTRICTIONS														
Etowah River (Dawson Co.)																						NO RESTRICTIONS	
Etowah River (above Lake Allatoona)				NO RESTRICTIONS																	NO RESTRICTIONS		
Etowah River (below Lake Allatoona dam)	NO RESTRICTIONS			NO RESTRICTIONS	NO RESTRICTIONS	NO RESTRICTIONS			NO RESTRICTIONS				NO RESTRICTIONS										
Flint River (Spalding/Fayette Cos.)	NO RESTRICTIONS																						NO RESTRICTIONS
Flint River (Meriwether/Upson/Pike Cos.)			NO RESTRICTIONS										NO RESTRICTIONS	NO RESTRICTIONS									
Flint River (Taylor Co.)	NO RESTRICTIONS		NO RESTRICTIONS																				
Flint River (Macow/Dooley/Worth/Lee Cos.)													NO RESTRICTIONS										
Flint River (Dougherty/Baker Mitchell Cos.)	NO RESTRICTIONS																						NO RESTRICTIONS
Gum Creek (Crisp Co.)										NO RESTRICTIONS													

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ONE MEAL PER WEEK																							
ONE MEAL PER MONTH																							
DO NOT EAT																							
NO DATA																							
Holly Creek (Murray Co.)																							
Ichawaynochaway Creek																							
Kinchafoonee Creek (above Albany)																							
Little River (above Clarks Hill Lake)																							
Little River (above Ga. Hwy 133, Valdosta)																							
Mill Creek (Murray Co.)																							
Muckalee Creek (above Albany)																							
Ochlockonee River (near Thomasville)																							
Ocmulgee River (below Macon, Bibb Co.)																							
Ocmulgee River (Telfair/Wheeler Cos.)																							
Oconee River (above Barnett Shoals)																							
Oconee River (at I-16)																							
Ogeechee River (all to Ft. McAllister)																							
Ohoopee River (Emanuel/Toombs Cos.)																							
Okefenokee Swamp (Billy's Lake)																							
Oostanaula River (Floyd/Gordon Counties)																							
Patsiliga Creek (Taylor Co.)																							
Pipemaker Canal																							
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 Co.)																							
Savannah River (Tidal Gate)																							
Savannah River (New Savannah Bluff Lock & Dam to Savannah Estuary)																							
Short Creek (Warren Co.)																							
South River (Panola Shoals, Rockdale Co.)																							
South River (Henry Co., Snapping Shoals)																							
Spring Creek (Seminole/Decatur/Miller Cos.)																							
St. Mary's River (Camden Co.)																							
St. Mary's River (Charlton Co.)																							
Sugar Creek (Murray Co.)																							
Sumac Creek (Murray Co.)																							
Suwannee River																							
Swamp Creek (Redwine Cove Road)																							
Talking Rock Creek																							
Tallapoosa River																							
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	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															
Albany By-Pass Pond															
Acworth		>16"													
Allatoona	>16"	>16"	>16"												
Andrews		>12"													
Banks		12-16"													
Bartlett's Ferry	>16"	>16"	>12"	>16"				>12"							
Bear Cr. Reservoir		<16"								>12"					
Bennett CEWC PFA		>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			12-16"												
Clarks Hill		>16"													
Evans County PFA		>16"													
Goat Rock	<12" >12"	>16"								12-16" >16"					
Hamburg		12-16"													
Hartwell (Tugalo Arm)	12-16" >16"	>16"		12-16" >16"			>16"			>16"					>16"
Hartwell (main body of lake)															
Hugh M. Gillis PFA		12-16"													
Jackson															
Ken Gardens		>12"													
Kolomoki Mounds S.P. - Kolomoki L.		>12"													
Kolomoki Mounds S.P. - Yohola L.		>12"													
Lanier				>16"			>16"			>16"					
Little Ocmulgee S. P.		>16"										12-16"			
McDuffie PFA, West															
Nottely		>12"		>16"											
Oliver		>12"								>16"					
Rabun		>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"			

FISH CONSUMPTION GUIDELINES: COASTAL RIVERS & CREEKS

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

* Bivalves are all clams, mussels and oysters; Shellfish ban under National Shellfish Sanitation Program.

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.



Good Fishing Depends on Clean Water

Many of our rivers, lakes, and coastal areas are experiencing algae blooms that cover our favorite fishing spots with green slime and cause fish kills and "dead zones" where no aquatic life can survive. The cause is usually nitrogen and phosphorus pollution that comes from farm and lawn fertilizers, septic systems, animal waste, and sewage treatment plants. Here's what you can do to keep the water clean:

- Take care not to over fertilize
- Pick up pet waste and properly manage waste from livestock
- Use green practices: rain barrels, rain gardens, and permeable pavements
- Maintain septic systems
- Encourage your community to invest

Supporting water quality protection supports great fishing!

Learn more at:

www.epa.gov/nutrientpollution/

