

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 DATA									NO DATA											NO DATA		NO DATA						
Alapahoochee River										NO DATA																			
Allatoona Crk. (Cobb Co.)				NO DATA																				NO DATA					
Altamaha River	NO DATA						NO DATA					NO DATA		NO DATA				NO DATA											
Altamaha River (below US Route 25)	NO DATA	NO DATA										NO DATA		NO DATA				NO DATA											
Apalachee River	NO DATA											NO DATA																	
Beaver Crk. (Taylor Co.)										NO DATA																			
Brier Crk. (Burke Co.)	NO DATA																							NO DATA					
Canochee River (Hwy 192 to Ogeechee River)	NO DATA									NO DATA			NO DATA									NO DATA							
Chattahoochee River (Helen to Lk. Lanier)		NO DATA	NO DATA	NO DATA						NO DATA													NO DATA						
(Buford Dam to Morgan Falls Dam)							NO DATA																NO DATA						
(Morgan Falls Dam to Peachtree Crk.)	NO DATA		NO DATA	NO DATA	NO DATA	NO DATA					NO DATA																		
(Peachtree Crk. to Pea Crk.)		NO DATA	NO DATA	NO DATA	NO DATA	NO DATA					NO DATA			NO DATA															
(Pea Crk. to West Point Lk., below Franklin)			NO DATA	NO DATA	NO DATA	NO DATA							NO DATA																
(West Point dam to I-85)	NO DATA			NO DATA						NO DATA																			
(Oliver Dam to Upatoi Crk.)	NO DATA			NO DATA						NO DATA																			
Chattooga River (NE Georgia, Rabun County)		NO DATA																					NO DATA						
Chestatee River (below Tesnatee Riv.)				NO DATA										NO DATA															
Conasauga River (below Stataline)				NO DATA						NO DATA																			
Coosa River (River Mile Zero to Hwy 100, Floyd Co.)	NO DATA			NO DATA	NO DATA	NO DATA						NO DATA																	
Coosa River (Hwy 100 to Stataline, Floyd Co.)	NO DATA			NO DATA	NO DATA	NO DATA						<32"	NO DATA				NO DATA												
Coosa River (Coosa, Etowah below Thompson-Weinman dam, Oostanaula)				NO DATA	NO DATA	NO DATA						>32"	NO DATA																
Coosawattee River (below Carters)	NO DATA	NO DATA		NO DATA						NO DATA																			
Etowah River (Dawson Co.)																													
Etowah River (above Lake Allatoona)				NO DATA																									
Etowah River (below Lake Allatoona dam)				NO DATA	NO DATA	NO DATA				NO DATA				NO DATA															
Flint River (Spalding/Fayette Cos.)	NO DATA		NO DATA		NO DATA	NO DATA																							
Flint River (Meriwether/Upson/Pike Cos.)		NO DATA	NO DATA	NO DATA										NO DATA															
Flint River (Taylor Co.)			NO DATA		NO DATA	NO DATA								NO DATA															
Flint River (Macon/Dooly/Worth/Lee Cos.)														NO DATA															
Flint River (Dougherty/Baker Mitchell Cos.)	NO DATA													<16"	NO DATA														
Gum Crk. (Crisp Co.)											NO DATA																		
Holly Crk. (Murray Co.)																													
Ichawaynochaway Crk.																													
Kinchafoonee Crk. (above Albany)																													
Little River (above Clarks Hill Lake)																													
Little River (above Ga. Hwy 133, Valdosta)																													
Mill Crk. (Murray Co.)																													
Muckalee Crk. (above Albany)																													
Ochlockonee River (Moultrie to Thomasville)	NO DATA																												
Ochlockonee River (Thomasville to state line)	NO DATA																												
Ocmulgee River (below Macon, Bibb Co.)																													
Ocmulgee River (Houston/Twiggs Co.)																													

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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. Marys River (Camden Co.)																												
St. Marys 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: COASTAL RIVERS & CREEKS

NO RESTRICTIONS	Atlantic Croaker	Bass, Striped	Bluefish	Blue Crab	Drum, Black	Drum, Red	Flounder	Sheepshead	Silver Hake	Southern Kingfish (Whiting)	Spot	Spotted Seatrout	Striped Mullet	Shrimp	Tripletail	Yellowtail (Silver Perch)
ONE MEAL PER WEEK																
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DO NOT EAT																
NO DATA																
Turtle River System (Purvis, Gibson Crks.)	Red									Red						
Turtle & Buffalo Rivers (upriver Hwy 303)	Orange				Green					Red						
Turtle River (Hwy 303 to Channel Marker 9)	Orange		Red		Blue					Orange		Blue	Orange	Green		
Turtle River (C. Marker 9 & So. Brunswick River to Dubignons & Parsons Crk.s)	Blue			Green	Green				Blue					Green		Blue
Terry Crk. (South of Torras Causeway to Lanier Basin)				Green	Green						Orange			Green		Blue
Terry & Dupree Crk.s (North of Torras Causeway to Confluence w/ Back River)	Green			Green		Green			Green							
Back River (1 mi. above Terry Crk. to Confluence with Torras Causeway to St. Simons Sound)				Orange							Green			Green		
Academy Creek				Green												
Savannah Estuary		≥27"						Blue								
Wassaw Sound												Green		Green		
Ossabaw Sound				Green									Green			
St. Catherine's Sound				Blue									Green			
Sapelo Sound														Green		
Altamaha Sound							Green					Green	Blue			
Saint Simons Sound															Green	
St. Andrew Sound				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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