

**LOUISIANA HEALTH / FISH CONSUMPTION ADVISORIES (MERCURY)**

LOCATION	BOUNDARIES	PARISH	RECOMMENDATIONS FOR CONSUMPTION		ISSUE DATE	LAST REVIEWED
			WOMEN OF CHILDBEARING AGE AND CHILDREN UNDER THE AGE OF 7	OTHER ADULTS AND CHILDREN OVER THE AGE OF 7		
Amite River Drainage Basin	Amite River from the Mississippi State Line to its confluence with Lake Maurepas, Colyell Creek, the Amite River Diversion Canal and the Petite Amite River	East Feliciana, St. Helena, East Baton Rouge, Livingston, and Ascension	Limit bigmouth buffalo, largemouth bass, spotted bass, white crappie (sac-a-lait), freshwater drum (gaspergou), and bowfin (choupique, grinnel) consumption to no more than 1 meal per month combined.	Limit bigmouth buffalo, largemouth bass, spotted bass, white crappie (sac-a-lait), freshwater drum (gaspergou), and bowfin (choupique, grinnel) consumption to no more than 4 meals per month combined.	7/1/04	3/10/04
Bayou Bartholomew	Bayou Bartholomew from the LA/AR state line to its confluence with the Ouachita River	Morehouse	No bowfin (choupique, grinnel); Limit consumption of other fish species to no more than 1 meal per month combined.	No bowfin (choupique, grinnel); Limit consumption of other fish species to no more than 4 meals per month combined.	1/99; 5/29/03	3/10/04
Bayou Bonne Idee	Bayou Bonne Idee from its headwaters near Jones, Louisiana to its confluence with the Boeuf River east of Oak Ridge.	Morehouse	No bowfin (choupique, grinnel); Limit largemouth bass and freshwater drum (gaspergou) consumption to no more than 1 meal per month combined.	No bowfin (choupique, grinnel); Limit largemouth bass and freshwater drum (gaspergou) consumption to no more than 4 meals per month combined.	7/1/04	12/4/03
Bayou Chene and Bayou Lacassine	Bayou Chene from its headwaters near Jennings to its confluence with Bayou Lacassine, and Bayou Lacassine from its headwaters near Lacassine to its confluence with Bayou Misere.	Jefferson Davis, Calcasieu, and Cameron	Limit largemouth bass and bowfin (choupique, grinnel) consumption to no more than 1 meal per month combined.	Limit largemouth bass and bowfin (choupique, grinnel) consumption to no more than 4 meals per month combined.	3/8/06	6/27/05
Bayou De Loutre and Associated Lakes (Phillips, Hatley and Hudson)	Bayou De Loutre from the Arkansas State Line to its confluence with the Ouachita River including Phillips, Hatley, and Hudson Lakes	Union	No consumption of any species.	Limit consumption of all species to no more than 2 meals per month combined.	11/20/00; 5/29/03; 7/1/04	3/10/04

Bayou des Cannes	Bayou des Cannes from its origin near Ville Platte to its confluence with the Mermentau	Acadia, Evangeline	Limit bowfin (choupique, grinnel), black crappie (sac-a-lait) and freshwater drum (gaspergou) consumption to no more than 1 meal per month combined.	Limit bowfin (choupique, grinnel), black crappie (sac-a-lait) and freshwater drum (gaspergou) consumption to no more than 4 meals per month combined.	10/97; 5/29/03	4/11/02
Bayou DeSiard	Bayou DeSiard from its headwaters to its confluence with the Ouachita River	Ouachita	No bowfin (choupique, grinnel); Limit consumption of other fish species to no more than 1 meal per month combined.	No bowfin (choupique, grinnel); Limit consumption of other fish species to no more than 4 meals per month combined.	5/29/03	9/4/02
Bayou Dorcheat	Bayou Dorcheat from the Arkansas State Line to its confluence with Lake Bistineau.	Webster	Limit largemouth bass, spotted bass, black crappie, freshwater drum (gaspergou), flathead catfish and bowfin (choupique, grinnel) consumption to no more than 1 meal per month combined.	Limit largemouth bass, spotted bass, black crappie, freshwater drum (gaspergou), flathead catfish and bowfin (choupique, grinnel) consumption to no more than 4 meal per month combined.	7/1/2004; 3/8/2006	6/27/05
Bayou Liberty	The entire length of Bayou Liberty	St. Tammany	Limit largemouth bass, crappie (sac-a-lait), freshwater drum (gaspergou), and redear sunfish consumption to no more than 1 meal per month combined.	Limit largemouth bass, crappie (sac-a-lait), freshwater drum (gaspergou), and redear sunfish consumption to no more than 4 meals per month combined.	1/31/97; 5/29/03	3/10/04
Bayou Louis	Bayou Louis from its headwaters to its confluence with the Ouachita River including Lake Louis (Lovelace Lake)	Catahoula	No bowfin (choupique, grinnel); Limit consumption of other fish species to no more than 1 meal per month combined.	No bowfin (choupique, grinnel); Limit consumption of other fish species to no more than 4 meals per month combined.	5/29/03	9/4/02
Bayou Nezpique	Bayou Nezpique from its' headwaters to its' confluence with the Mermentau River.	Acadia, Allen, Evangeline, and Jefferson Davis	Limit bowfin (choupique, grinnel) consumption to no more than 6 meals per year; Limit largemouth bass to no more than 1 meal per month combined.	Limit bowfin (choupique, grinnel) consumption to no more than 2 meals per month; Limit largemouth bass to no more than 4 meals per month combined.	9/08	9/08

Bayou Plaquemine Brule	Bayou Plaquemine Brule from its origin near Opelousas to its confluence with the Mermentau River	Acadia, St. Landry	No bowfin (choupique, grinnel) consumption. Limit largemouth bass, crappie (sac-a-lait) and freshwater drum (gaspergou) consumption to no more than 1 meal per month combined.	Limit bowfin (choupique, grinnel) to 2 meals per month; Limit largemouth bass, crappie (sac-a-lait) and freshwater drum (gaspergou) consumption to no more than 4 meals per month combined.	10/96; 5/29/03	4/11/02
Bayou Queue De Tortue	Bayou Queue de Tortue from its headwaters near Cankton, Louisiana to its confluence with the Mermentau River east of Lake Arthur, Louisiana.	Acadia, Lafayette and Vermilion	Limit bowfin (choupique, grinnel) consumption to no more than 1 meal per month.	Limit bowfin (choupique, grinnel) consumption to no more than 4 meal per month.	7/1/04	3/10/04
Big Alabama Bayou	The entire length of Big Alabama Bayou from the boat landing at Hwy 975 to near the Atchafalaya River Pilot Channel	Pointe Coupee, Iberville, and St. Martin	Limit consumption of all species to no more than 1 meal per month combined.	Limit consumption of all catfish species to no more than 2 meals per month; Limit consumption of all other species to 4 meals per month combined.	5/29/03	9/4/02
Black Bayou Lake	Black Bayou Lake only	Caddo	Limit largemouth bass and bowfin (choupique, grinnel) consumption to no more than 1 meal per month combined.	Limit largemouth bass and bowfin (choupique, grinnel) consumption to no more than 4 meals per month combined.	3/8/06	6/27/05
Black Bayou Lake	Black Bayou Lake only	Ouachita	No bowfin (choupique, grinnel) consumption.	Limit bowfin (choupique, grinnel) consumption to 1 meal a month.	5/29/03	9/4/02
Black Lake	Black Lake only	Natchitoches	No bowfin (choupique, grinnel) consumption; Limit largemouth bass, white bass, crappie (sac-a-lait), or freshwater drum (gaspergou) consumption to no more than 1 meal per month combined.	Limit bowfin (choupique, grinnel) to 2 meals per month; Limit largemouth bass, white bass, crappie (sac-a-lait), and freshwater drum (gaspergou) consumption to no more than 4 meals per month combined.	10/96; 5/29/03	9/4/02
Blind River	The Blind River only	St. James, Ascension, Livingston, St. John the Baptist	Limit bowfin (choupique, grinnel) consumption to no more than 1 meal per month.	Limit bowfin (choupique, grinnel) consumption to no more than 4 meals per month.	4/23/98; 5/29/03	12/4/03

Boeuf River	The Boeuf River from the confluence with Lake Lafourche to the confluence with the Ouachita River	Caldwell, Franklin, Richland, and Catahoula	No bowfin (choupique, grinnel); Limit consumption of other fish species to no more than 1 meal per month combined.	No bowfin (choupique, grinnel); Limit consumption of other fish species to no more than 4 meals per month combined.	5/29/03	3/10/04
Bogue Chitto River	The Bogue Chitto River from MS/LA state line to the Pearl River Navigation Canal	St. Tammany, Washington	Limit consumption of all bass species and bowfin (choupique, grinnel) to no more than 1 meal per month combined.	Limit consumption of all bass species and bowfin (choupique, grinnel) to no more than 4 meals per month combined.	8/96; 5/29/03	3/10/04
Bogue Falaya and Tchefuncte Rivers	The Bogue Falaya from its headwaters to its confluence with the Tchefuncte and the Tchefuncte from its headwaters to Lake Pontchartrain	Washington, St. Tammany, and Tangipahoa	No largemouth bass or crappie (sac-a-lait); Limit freshwater drum (gaspergou), spotted bass, and catfish consumption to no more than 1 meal per month combined.	Limit largemouth bass and crappie (sac-a-lait) consumption to no more than 2 meals per month combined; Limit freshwater drum (gaspergou), spotted bass, and catfish consumption to no more than 4 meals per month combined.	5/29/03	9/4/02
Caddo Lake	Caddo Lake only	Caddo	Limit bowfin (choupique, grinnel) consumption to no more than 6 meals per year.	Limit bowfin (choupique, grinnel) consumption to no more than 2 meals per month.	9/08	9/08
Calcasieu River Drainage Basin	Calcasieu River from Hwy 26 to the Saltwater Barrier north of Lake Charles, the West Fork Calcasieu River, Houston River, Hickory Creek, Beckwith Creek, English Bayou and Little River	Calcasieu, Jefferson Davis, and Allen	No largemouth bass, bowfin (choupique, grinnel) or freshwater drum (gaspergou) consumption.	Limit largemouth bass, bowfin (choupique, grinnel) and freshwater drum (gaspergou) consumption to no more than 2 meals per month combined.	11/20/00; 5/29/03; 7/01/04	3/10/04
Chicot Lake	Chicot Lake only	Evangeline	No bowfin (choupique, grinnel) consumption. Limit largemouth bass consumption to no more than 1 meal per month.	Limit bowfin (choupique, grinnel) consumption to no more than 2 meals per month; Limit largemouth bass consumption to no more than 4 meals per month	5/97; 5/29/03	9/4/02

Cheniere (Brake) Lake	Cheniere (Brake) Lake only	Ouachita	No consumption of bowfin (choupique, grinnel) and limit consumption of largemouth bass to no more than 2 meals per month.	Limit consumption of bowfin (choupique, grinnel) to no more than 2 meals a month; Limit consumption of largemouth bass to no more than 4 meals a month.	7/1/04	3/10/04
Clear Lake (Lake Edwards)	Clear Lake (Lake Edwards) only	Desoto	Limit black crappie, bowfin (choupique, grinnel), largemouth bass and bigmouth buffalo consumption to no more than 1 meal per month combined.	Not Applicable	9/08	9/08
Cocodrie Lake	Cocodrie Lake only	Evangeline, Rapides	Limit bowfin (choupique, grinnel) consumption to no more than 6 meals per year; Limit largemouth bass, black crappie and bigmouth buffalo to no more than 1 meal per month combined.	Limit bowfin (choupique, grinnel) consumption to no more than 2 meals per month; Limit largemouth bass and bigmouth buffalo to no more than 3 meals per month combined.	9/08	9/08
Corney Lake	Corney Lake only	Red River	Limit largemouth bass and bowfin (choupique, grinnel) consumption to no more than 1 meal per month combined.	Limit largemouth bass and bowfin (choupique, grinnel) consumption to no more than 4 meals per month combined.	5/29/03	9/4/02
Crooked Creek Reservoir	Crooked Creek Reservoir only	Evangeline	Limit largemouth bass consumption to no more than 1 meal per month.	Limit largemouth bass consumption to no more than 4 meals per month.	9/08	9/08
Grand Bayou Reservoir	John K. Kelley- Grand Bayou Reservoir	Red River	No bowfin (choupique, grinnel) consumption. Limit largemouth bass consumption to no more than 1 meal per month.	Limit bowfin (choupique, grinnel) and largemouth bass consumption to no more than 2 meals per month.	5/29/03	9/4/02

Gulf of Mexico	Gulf of Mexico waters off of all coastal parishes	Coastal Parishes	No consumption of king mackerel; Limit cobia, blackfin tuna and greater amberjack consumption to no more than one meal per month.	No consumption of king mackerel greater than 39 inches in total length; Limit consumption of king mackerel 39 inches or less in total length to no more than 2 meals per month; Limit consumption of cobia, blackfin tuna and greater amberjack to no more than four meals per month combined.	9/4/1997; 3/8/2006	6/27/05
Henderson Lake Area	Henderson Lake, Lake Bigeux, and all waters within the area bounded on the north by the St. Landry/St. Martin Parish line, on the east by the West Atchafalaya River levee, on the south by Hwy 3177 and on the west by the West Atchafalaya Basin levee	St. Martin	Limit largemouth bass, crappie (sac-a-lait) or freshwater drum (gaspergou) consumption to no more than 1 meal per month.	Limit largemouth bass, crappie (sac-a-lait) or freshwater drum (gaspergou) consumption to no more than 4 meals per month combined.	1/31/1996; 5/29/03	12/4/03
I-10 Canal, Work Canal, and Bayou Bristow	The canal that is between the Interstate 10 Bridges (between Whiskey Bay and Ramah) and the canal known as Work Canal, which runs north to south and intersects the I-10 Canal. A revised advisory expands the area covered under this advisory to include Bayou Bristow.	Iberville	Limit largemouth bass, black crappie, and bowfin (choupique, grinnel) consumption to no more than 1 meal per month combined.	Limit largemouth bass, black crappie, bowfin (choupique, grinnel) consumption to no more than 4 meals per month combined.	7/1/2004; 9/2008	8/20/08
Iatt Lake	Iatt Lake only	Grant	Limit largemouth bass and bowfin (choupique, grinnel) consumption to no more than 1 meal per month combined.	Limit largemouth bass and bowfin (choupique, grinnel) consumption to no more than 4 meals per month combined.	3/8/06	6/27/05
Ivan Lake	Ivan Lake only	Bossier	No consumption of bowfin (choupique, grinnel); Limit largemouth bass to no more than 1 meal per month.	Limit consumption of bowfin (choupique, grinnel) to no more than 2 meals a month; Limit largemouth bass to no more than 4 meals per month.	11/20/2000; 5/29/03	9/4/02

Kepler Creek Lake	Kepler Creek Lake only	Bienville	No bowfin (choupique, grinnel) consumption.	Limit bowfin (choupique, grinnel) consumption to 1 meal per month.	5/29/03	9/4/02
Lake Bistineau	Lake Bistineau only	Webster, Bossier, and Bienville	Limit bowfin (choupique, grinnel) consumption to no more than 1 meal per month.	Limit bowfin (choupique, grinnel) consumption to no more than 4 meals per month.	3/8/06	6/27/05
Lake Vernon	Lake Vernon only	Vernon	Limit largemouth bass, flathead catfish, redear and bluegill sunfish (bream) consumption to no more than 1 meal per month.	Limit largemouth bass, flathead catfish, redear and bluegill sunfish (bream) consumption to no more than 4 meals per month combined.	8/97; 5/29/03	9/4/02
Little River/Catahoula Lake Area	Catahoula Lake, Little River, Old River, Black River, Saline Lake, Larto Lake (Saline-Larto Complex), Shad Lake, and Associated Water Bodies	Avoyelles, Catahoula, Concordia, Grant, LaSalle, and Rapides	No largemouth bass, white bass, freshwater drum (gaspergou), flathead catfish or bowfin (choupique, grinnel) consumption; Limit white crappie consumption to no more than 2 meals per month.	Limit largemouth bass, white bass, freshwater drum (gaspergou), flathead catfish and bowfin (choupique, grinnel) consumption to no more than 2 meals per month combined; Limit white crappie to no more than 4 meals per month.	11/20/00; 5/29/03	3/10/04
Old River (Nibletts Bluff)	Old River (Nibletts Bluff) from its' headwaters to its' confluence with the Sabine River	Calcasieu	Limit bowfin (choupique, grinnel) consumption to no more than 6 meals per year; Limit black crappie and redear sunfish to no more than 2 meals per month; Limit freshwater drum, largemouth bass and spotted bass to no more than 1 meal per month combined.	Limit freshwater dum consumption to no more than 3 meals per month; Limit bowfin (choupique, grinnel) to no more than 2 meals per month combined.	9/08	9/08
Ouachita River	LA/ARK border to the confluence of the Tensas River including any lakes that are inside the levee system or within the Ouachita River flood plain	Ouachita, Union, Morehouse, Caldwell, and Catahoula	No bowfin (choupique, grinnel); Limit consumption of other fish species to no more than 1 meal per month combined.	No bowfin (choupique, grinnel); Limit consumption of other fish species to no more than 4 meals per month combined.	7/92; 5/29/03	3/10/04

Pearl River	The entire length of the Pearl River	St.Tammany, Washington	No bowfin (choupique, grinnel) consumption. Limit bass, bigmouth buffalo and freshwater drum (gaspergou) consumption to no more than 1 meal per month combined.	No bowfin (choupique, grinnel) consumption; Limit bass, bigmouth buffalo and freshwater drum (gaspergou) to no more than 4 meals per month combined.	1/31/97; 5/29/03	3/10/04
Saline Lake and Bayou	Saline Bayou from its' headwaters in Bienville Parish to, and including, Saline Lake in Winn and Natchitoches Parishes.	Bienville, Winn, and Natchitoches	Limit largemouth bass consumption to no more than 6 meals per year; Limit carp, freshwater drum, longear sunfish and warmouth to no more than 3 meals per month; Limit black crappie to no more than 2 meals per month; Limit bowfin (choupique, grinnel) and spotted bass to no more than 1 meal per month combined.	Limit largemouth bass consumption to no more than 2 meals per month; Limit bowfin (choupique, grinnel) and spotted bass to no more than 3 meals per month combined.	9/08	9/08
Seventh Ward Canal	The Seventh Ward Canal (southwest of Abbeville)	Vermilion	Limit bowfin (choupique, grinnel), flathead catfish, white crappie (sac-a-lait) and freshwater drum (gaspergou) consumption to no more than 1 meal per month combined.	Limit bowfin (choupique, grinnel), flathead catfish, white crappie (sac-a-lait) and freshwater drum (gaspergou) consumption to no more than 4 meals per month combined.	7/97; 5/29/03	3/10/04
Tangipahoa River	The Tangipahoa River from the LA/MS state line to Lake Pontchartrain	Tangipahoa	Limit bowfin (choupique, grinnel), flathead catfish, largemouth bass, spotted bass and freshwater drum (gaspergou) consumption to no more than 1 meal per month combined.	Limit bowfin (choupique, grinnel), flathead catfish, largemouth bass, spotted bass and freshwater drum (gaspergou) consumption to no more than 4 meals per month combined.	5/29/03	9/4/02
Tew Lake	Tew Lake only	Catahoula	Limit bowfin (choupique, grinnel) consumption to no more than 1 meal per month.	Limit bowfin (choupique, grinnel) consumption to no more than 4 meals per month.	7/1/04	12/4/03

Tickfaw River Area	The Tickfaw River (from MS/LA state line to Lake Maurepas), the Blood River, Natalbany River, Lizard Creek, and Ponchatoula Creek	Saint Helena, Tangipahoa, and Livingston	Limit freshwater drum (gaspergou), largemouth bass, bowfin (choupique, grinnel), and white crappie (sac-a-lait) consumption to no more than 1 meal per month combined.	Limit freshwater drum (gaspergou), largemouth bass, bowfin (choupique, grinnel), and white crappie (sac-a-lait) consumption to no more than 4 meals per month combined.	7/08/02; 5/29/03	11/19/01
Toledo Bend Reservoir	The entire reservoir	Desoto, Sabine	No consumption of bowfin (choupique, grinnel). Limit consumption of largemouth bass and freshwater drum (gaspergou) consumption to no more than 1 meal per month combined.	Limit bowfin (choupique, grinnel) consumption to no more than 2 meals per month combined; Limit largemouth bass and freshwater drum (gaspergou) consumption to no more than 4 meals per month combined.	7/19/01; 5/29/03	9/4/02

**Note: A meal is considered to be ½ pound in size. \*\*Unless the fish species is specifically addressed in the details of the advisory, please limit consumption of all species in an advisory area to 4 meals per month. Louisiana fish consumption advisories are based on the estimate that the average Louisiana resident eats 4 fish meals per month (1 meal = 1/2 pound). If you or your family members eat more than 4 meals of fish a month from local water bodies, you might increase your health risks. You can contact the Office of Public Health toll free at 1-888-293-7020 for more information about eating fish that contain chemicals.**

**CONSUMPTION ADVICE FOR: WOMEN WHO MIGHT BECOME PREGNANT, WOMEN WHO ARE PREGNANT, NURSING MOTHRs, AND YOUNG CHILDREN (EPA and FDA, 2004):** By following these 3 recommendations for selecting and eating fish or shellfish, women and young children will receive the benefits of eating fish and shellfish and be confident that they have reduced their exposure to the harmful effects of mercury. 1. Do not eat Shark, Swordfish, King Mackerel, or Tilefish because they contain high levels of mercury. 2. Eat up to 12 ounces (2 average meals) a week of a variety of fish and shellfish that are lower in mercury. - Five of the most commonly eaten fish that are low in mercury are shrimp, canned light tuna, salmon, pollock, and catfish. -Another commonly eaten fish, albacore ("white") tuna has more mercury than canned light tuna. So, when choosing your two meals of fish and shellfish, you may eat up to 6 ounces (one average meal) of albacore tuna per week. 3. Check local advisories about the safety of fish caught by family and friends in your local lakes, river, and coastal areas. If no advice is available, eat up to 6 ounces (one average meal) per week of fish you catch from local waters, but don't consume any other fish during that week. Follow these same recommendations when feeding fish and shellfish to your young child, but serve smaller portions.