

Maryland Fish Consumption Advisories

for Recreationally Caught Fish in Worcester County, MD

Guidelines for Recreationally Caught Fish Species in Maryland Fresh, Estuarine, and Marine Waters

Recommended Meal Size: 8 oz or 9 crabs - General Population and Women; 3 oz or 4 crabs - Children

Note: Consumption recommendations based on spacing of meals to avoid elevated exposure levels, fish

1 **Women** = women of childbearing age (women who are pregnant or may become pregnant, or are nursing)

2 **Children** = all young children up to age 6

♥ = Fish contains more than 1g beneficial fatty acids in a fillet the size of 2 decks of cards

✗ = Fish where all dark meat and/or Belly Fat has been removed, this leads to a reduction in PCB

Contaminant present in fish: * Mercury Δ PCBs + Pesticides ◇ PFOS

Species	Waterbody	Recommended Meals/Month		
		General Population	Women ¹	Children ²
Black Crappie	Johnson Pond - below Salisbury	◇	Avoid	Avoid
Bluefish < 15"	Atlantic Ocean	Δ	2	2
Bluefish > or equal to 15"	Atlantic Ocean	Δ	Avoid	Avoid
Channel Catfish	Pocomoke River	Δ *	3	3
Large and Smallmouth Bass ♥	Johnson Pond - below Salisbury < 11"	◇	2	1
	Johnson Pond - below Salisbury > 15"	◇	1 every other month	Avoid
	Wicomico River	◇	3	2
Northern Snakehead	Johnson Pond - below Salisbury	◇	1 every other month	1 every other month
	Wicomico River	◇	4	3
Rainbow Trout and Golden Rainbow Trout (Hatchery Raised)	All Hatchery Raised fish stocked in Anne Arundel County, Allegany County, Baltimore City, Baltimore County, Calvert County, Carroll County, Caroline County, Cecil County, Charles County, Frederick County, Garrett County, Harford County, Howard County, Queen Anne's County, Montgomery County, Prince George's County, Washington County, Wicomico County, and Worcester County	Δ	No Limit	No Limit
	<p>**For more information on put-and-take fish see https://www.eregulations.com/maryland/fishing/put-and-take-trout-fishing-areas</p> <p>**For more information on Special Management Areas-Trout see https://www.eregulations.com/maryland/fishing/special-management-areas-trout</p>			
Silver Perch	Maryland's Atlantic Coastal Waters	Δ	No Limit	No Limit
Spot ♥	Pocomoke River	Δ	5	5
Striped Bass (Rockfish) ♥	Atlantic Ocean < 28" Δ	Δ	1	1
			1	1
White Perch	Pocomoke River	Δ *	5	5