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			Recomi	nended Meals	/Month
			General		
Species	Waterbody		Population	Women 1	Children ²
_	Lower Chesapeake Bay and Tributaries	Δ	4	4	4
Atlantic Croaker					
Atlantic Cloaker	Mid Bay: Patapsco to Upper Patuxent and Tributaries	Δ	4	4	4
	Upper Chesapeake Bay and Tributaries	Δ	4	4	4
					1 every other
	Anacostia River	Δ	1	1	month
	Back River	Δ	Avoid	Avoid	Avoid
	Bush River	Δ	4	4	4
			1 every other	1 every other	1 every other
	Bynum Run	*	month	month	month
	Choptank River	Δ	1	1	1
	Elk River	Δ	Avoid	Avoid	Avoid
	Lower Patuxent River	Δ	3	3	3
	Middle Patuxent River	Δ	3	3	3
American Eel			1 every other	1 every other	
American Eei	Middle River	Δ	month	month	Avoid
					1 every other
	Northeast River	Δ	1	1	month
	Patapsco River/Baltimore Harbor	Δ	Avoid	Avoid	Avoid
			1 every other	1 every other	1 every other
	Potomac River - 301 Bridge to DC Line	Δ	month	month	month
			1 every other	1 every other	1 every other
	Rock Creek (Montgomery County)	*	month	month	month
	South River	Δ	2	2	1
	Susquehanna River - Below Conowingo Dam	Δ	Avoid	Avoid	Avoid
	Upper Patuxent River	Δ	3	3	3
	Cash Lake	*	4	3	2
	Johnson Pond - below Salisbury	\qquad	Avoid	Avoid	Avoid
	Lake Artemesia	*	6	6	5
	Lake Bernard Frank	*	No Limit	No Limit	No Limit
	Lake Needwood	*	No Limit	8	4
	Lake Roland	* +	3	3	3
D1 1 C '	Liberty Reservoir	*	8	7	4
Black Crappie	Loch Raven Reservoir	*	No Limit	No Limit	6
	Millington Wildlife Management Area	*	4	4	2
	Potomac River - Dam #4 to Dam #5	*	3	3	3
	Potomac River - DC line to Dam #3	Δ	2	2	2
	Rocky Gorge Reservoir	*	5	4	2
	Tuckahoe Lake	*	No Limit	8	4
	Youghiogheny River Lake	*	4	3	2
Black Sea Bass	Lower Chesapeake Bay and Tributaries	\Diamond	2	2	1



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				General		2
Species	Waterbody			Population	Women 1	Children ²
	Anacostia River	15" - 19"	Δ	4	3	2
	Anacostia River	> 19"		Avoid	Avoid	Avoid
	Choptank River	15" - 24"	\Diamond	No Limit	8	5
	Lower Patuxent River	15" - 24"	Δ	3	3	1
		12" - 15"	Δ	4	4	4
		15" - 24"	Δ	4	3	2
	Mattawoman Creek					1 every other
	Mattawoman Creek	24" - 30"	Δ	1	1	month
		> 30"	Δ	Avoid	Avoid	Avoid
		> 30"	Δ 🗱	2	2	1
	Middle Patuxent River	15" - 24"	Δ	No Limit	No Limit	6
	Middle River	15" - 24"	Δ	4	3	2
	Nanticoke River	15" - 24"	Δ	7	7	6
Blue Catfish	Nanticoke River: Marshy Hope Creek	15" - 24"	Δ	No Limit	No Limit	No Limit
		12" - 15"	Δ	4	4	4
		15" - 24"	Δ	4	3	2
	Determine 201 Delite to DC Line					1 every other
	Potomac - 301 Bridge to DC Line	24" - 30"	Δ	1	1	month
		> 30"	Δ	Avoid	Avoid	Avoid
		> 30"	Δ 🗙	2	2	1
		12" - 15"	Δ	4	4	4
		15" - 24"	Δ	2	2	1
	Potomac: Mouth to 301					1 every other
	Potomac: Wouth to 301	24" - 30"	Δ	1	1	month
		> 30"	Δ	Avoid	Avoid	Avoid
		> 30"	Δ 🗙	2	2	1
	Upper Patuxent River	15" - 24"	Δ	No Limit	No Limit	6
	Wicomico River	15" - 24"	Δ	No Limit	No Limit	6
D1 C1-	Back River, Middle River or Patapso	o River				
Blue Crab	including Baltimore Harbor		Δ	6	6	5
	Other Areas of the Bay		Δ	No Limit	No Limit	No Limit
Blue Crab	Back River, Middle River or Patapso	o River				
"Mustard"	including Baltimore Harbor		Δ	Avoid	Avoid	Avoid
	Other Areas of the Bay		Δ	Eat Sparingly	Eat Sparingly	Eat Sparingly
Bluefish < 15"	Atlantic Ocean		Δ	2	2	2
Bluefish > or						
equal to 15"	Atlantic Ocean		Δ	Avoid	Avoid	Avoid



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			Recomi	mended Meals	s/Month
Species	Waterbody		General Population	Women 1	Children ²
	Anacostia River	Δ	5	5	4
	Back River	Δ	4	4	2
	Bush River	Δ	1	1	1
	Chester River	Δ	No Limit	No Limit	8
	Elk River	Δ	2	2	2
	Gunpowder River	Δ	4	4	3
	Lake Bernard Frank	*	No Limit	No Limit	No Limit
	Magothy	Δ	8	8	7
Brown Bullhead	Mid Bay: Middle to Patapsco	Δ	5	5	5
	Middle River	Δ	2	2	1
	Northeast River	Δ	1	1	1
	Patapsco River/Baltimore Harbor	Δ	1 every other month	1 every other month	1 every other month
	South River	Δ	6	6	5
					1 every other
	Susquehanna River - Below Conowingo Dam	Δ	1	1	month
	Wicomico River	Δ	7	7	6
	Antietam	Δ	3	3	2
Brown Trout	Jones Falls	Δ	3	3	3
Diomii Iioul	Patapsco River: North of Ellicott City	Δ	5	5	4
	Savage River	Δ	5	5	3
Chain Pickerel	Deep Creek Lake	*	6	5	3



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* Mercury

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	<u> </u>			Recommended Meals/Month				
			General	1	2			
Species	Waterbody			Population	Women 1	Children ²		
	Anacostia River	15" - 20"	Δ	2	2	1		
	Anacostia River	> 20"	Δ	Avoid	Avoid	Avoid		
	Back River		Δ	Avoid	Avoid	Avoid		
	Bird River		Δ	Avoid	Avoid	Avoid		
				1 every other	1 every other	1 every other		
	Bohemia River		Δ	month	month	month		
	Bush River		Δ	1	1	1		
				1 every other	1 every other			
	C & D Canal		Δ	month	month	Avoid		
	Chester River	< 20"	Δ	6	5	3		
		> 20"	Δ	1	1	1		
	Choptank River		Δ	2	2	2		
	Conococheague		Δ	5	4	2		
	Elk River		Δ	1	1	1		
				1 every other	1 every other			
	Gunpowder River		Δ	month	month	Avoid		
	Jennings Randolph Reservo	oir	*	4	4	4		
	Lower Patuxent River		Δ	2	2	1		
	Middle Patuxent River		Δ	2	2	1		
	Middle River		Δ	Avoid	Avoid	Avoid		
				1 every other	1 every other	1 every other		
	Nanticoke River		Δ	month	month	month		
	North Branch of Potomac River from	Old Town to						
Channel Catfish	Jennings Randolf		\Diamond	No Limit	No Limit	No Limit		
	Northeast River		Δ	2	2	1		
				1 every other	1 every other	1 every other		
	Patapsco River/Baltimore Har	rbor	Δ	month	month	month		
	Patapsco River: S. Hanover Bridge to	Annapolis		1 every other	1 every other	1 every other		
	Road		Δ	month	month	month		
	Pocomoke River		Δ*	3	3	3		
	Potomac - 301 Bridge to DC Line			1 every other	1 every other			
	_	< 18"	Δ	month	month	Avoid		
		> 18"	Δ	Avoid	Avoid	Avoid		
	Potomac River - Dam #4 to Da	m #5	*	5	4	2		
	Potomac River - DC line to Da	m #3	Δ	6	5	3		
	Potomac River - Hancock		Δ	No Limit	No Limit	8		
	Potomac River - Little Orlea	ins	Δ	No Limit	No Limit	6		
	Potomac River - Near Paw Paw	, WV	Δ	No Limit	No Limit	No Limit		
	Potomac: Dam #3 to Dam #	4 4	*	5	4	2		
	Rewastico Creek		Δ	4	4	3		
	Rocky Gorge Reservoir		*	6	5	3		
	Sassafras River		Δ	2	2	1		
	Susquehanna River - Above Conow	ingo Dam	Δ	1	1	1		
	Susquehanna River - Below Conow	_	Δ	Avoid	Avoid	Avoid		
	Upper Choptank River: Tuckahoe		Δ	2	2	2		
	Upper Patuxent River		Δ	2	2	1		
	Wicomico River		Δ	2	2	1		



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	Anacostia River		Δ	Avoid	Avoid	Avoid	
	Back River		Δ	Avoid	Avoid	Avoid	
	Gunpowder River		Δ	2	2	2	
Common Carp	Lake Roland		* +	2	2	2	
1	Potomac - 301 Bridge to DC I	ine	Δ	Avoid	Avoid	Avoid	
	Rhode & West		Δ	7	7	7	
	South River		Δ	2	2	1	
	Potomac River - DC line to Dar	n #3	*	2	2	1	
	Potomac River - Dam #3 to Dan		*	2	2	1	
	Susquehanna River - Above	11 // 1				1	
	Conowingo Dam - All Meat	All sizes	Δ	1	1	1	
		< 22"	* *	No Limit	No Limit		
	Susquehanna River - Above				_	6	
Flathead Catfish	Conowingo Dam - (No Dark Meat or	22" - 28"	* *	7	6	3	
	Belly Fat)	> 28"	* 🗙	7	6	4	
	Susquehanna River - Below	. 11				٠	
	Conowingo Dam - All Meat	All sizes	Δ	1	1	1	
	Susquehanna River - Below	< 22"	* 🗙	No Limit	No Limit	6	
	Conowingo Dam - (No Dark Meat or	22" - 28"	* 🗙	7	6	3	
	Belly Fat)	> 28"	* 🗙	7	6	4	
	Anacostia River		\Diamond	2	2	2	
						1 every other	
	Antietam		\Diamond	2	1	month	
	Big Pool, Washington Coun	ty	*	3	3	2	
	Blair Valley Lake	-	*	6	5	3	
	Broadford Lake		*	3	3	2	
	Bush River		\Diamond	3	2	1	
	Cash Lake		*	3	2	1	
	Centennial Lake		*	No Limit	7	4	
	Clopper Lake		*	5	5	3	
	FF			1 every other			
	Conococheague		\Diamond	month	month	Avoid	
	Cunningham Falls Lake		*	5	5	3	
	Deep Creek Lake		*	2	2	1	
	Greenbelt Lake		*	No Limit	8	5	
	Gunpowder River		$\Delta \Diamond$	2	2	1 ◊	
	Jennings Randolph Reservo	ir	*	4	3	2	
	Johnson Pond - below Salisbury	< 11"	\Diamond	2	1	1	
	Johnson Fond - below Bansbury	\ 11	V	1 every other	1	1	
	Johnson Dand halaw Salishum	> 15"	\Diamond	•	Avoid	Avoid	
	Johnson Pond - below Salisbury Lake Artemesia	~ 1J	*	month 5	Avoid 4	Avoid 2	
	Lake Artemesia Lake Bernard Frank		*	No Limit	8	4	
	Lake Bernard Frank Lake Habeeb		* 	No Limit			
			- T	No Limit	6 No Limit	8	
	Lake Kittamaquindi		Δ	NO LIMIT	NO LIMIT		
	T 1 T 1			1	1	1 every other	
	Lake Lariat		* 	1	1	month	
	Lake Linganore		*	7	6	3	
	Lake Needwood		. *	7	6	4	
	Lake Roland		* +	5	4	3	
	Liberty Reservoir		*	No Limit	No Limit	5	
	Little Seneca Lake		*	No Limit	No Limit	7	
	Loch Raven Reservoir		*	2	2	1	



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			General		
Species	Waterbody		Population	Women 1	Children ²
	Lower Patuxent River	Δ	No Limit	No Limit	No Limit
	Mattawoman Creek	\Diamond	No Limit	No Limit	7
	Middle Patuxent River	Δ	No Limit	No Limit	No Limit
					1 every other
	Middle River	Δ	1	1	month
T 4	Millington Wildlife Management Area	*	3	3	2
Large and	Monocacy River	Δ	No Limit	No Limit	No Limit
Smallmouth Bass					
•	Myrtle Grove Lake	*	No Limit	No Limit	8
	Nanticoke River: Marshy Hope Creek	\Diamond	No Limit	8	4
	North Branch of Potomac River from Old Town to	*	5	5	3
					1 every other
	Northeast River	\Diamond	2	1	month
	Patapsco River/Baltimore Harbor	Δ	3	3	2
	Patapsco River: S. Hanover Bridge to Annapolis Rd	\Diamond	2	2	1
					1 every other
	Piney Reservoir	*	2	2	month
	Piney Run Lake	*	No Limit	No Limit	6
	Potomac River - 301 Bridge to DC Line	\Diamond	3	2	1
	Potomac River - Near Paw Paw, WV	Δ	No Limit	No Limit	No Limit
	Potomac River - Dam #3 to Dam #4	*	3	3	2
	Potomac River - Dam #4 to Dam #5	*	5	4	3
					1 every other
	Potomac River - DC line to Dam #3	*	2	2	month
	Prettyboy Reservoir	*	8	7	4
	Rocky Gorge Reservoir	*	4	4	2
	Savage Reservoir	*	1	1	1
	Smithville Lake	*	No Limit	No Limit	5
					1 every other
	St. Mary's River	Δ	2	1	month
	Stansbury Pond	Δ	No Limit	No Limit	6
	Stemmers Lake	Δ	No Limit	No Limit	8
					1 every other
	Susquehanna River - Above Conowingo Dam	◊	1	1	month
	Susquehanna River - Below Conowingo Dam	◊	No Limit	No Limit	No Limit
	Tidal headwaters of Piscataway Creek	◊	Avoid	Avoid	Avoid
	Triadelphia Reservoir	*	7	6	3
	Tuckahoe Lake	*	3	3	2
	Unicorn Lake	*	No Limit	No Limit	5
	Upper Choptank River: Greensboro Branch	◊	3	2	1
	Upper Patuxent River	\Diamond	3	3	2
	Urieville Community Lake	*	No Limit	No Limit	8
	Wilde Lake	*	No Limit	No Limit	8
	Wicomico River	\Diamond	3	3	2
	Wye Mills Community Lake	*	No Limit	No Limit	8
	Youghiogheny River Lake	*	2	2	1



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	Bush River	◊	2	2	1			
	Gunpowder River	Δ*	No Limit	No Limit	No Limit			
				1 every other				
	Johnson Pond - below Salisbury	◊	month	month	Avoid			
Northern	Little Seneca Lake	*	6	5	3			
Snakehead	Lower Patuxent River	*	No Limit	No Limit	5			
	M.,, C. 1		1 every other	_	A 11			
	Mattawoman Creek	<u> </u>	111011111	month	Avoid			
	Nanticoke River: Marshy Hope Creek	Δ		No Limit No Limit	8			
	Susquehanna River - Below Conowingo Dam	♦	No Limit		7 3			
	Potomac - 301 Bridge to DC Line Wicomico River	Δ	3 4	3	2			
	wicomico River	V	4	3	2			
	All Hatchery Raised fish stocked in Alleghany							
	County, Anne Arundel County, Baltimore City,							
	Baltimore County, Calvert County, Carroll County,							
	Caroline County, Cecil County, Charles County,							
Rainbow Trout	Frederick County, Garrett County, Harford County,							
and Golden	Howard County, Queen Anne's County, Montgomery							
Rainbow Trout	County, Prince George's County, Washington							
(Hatchery Raised)	County, Wicomico County, and Worcester County	٨	No Limit	No Limit	No Limit			
(Hatchery Raisea)		Δ	<u>I</u>					
	**For more information on put-and-take fish see https://www.eregulations.com/maryland/fishing/put-							
	and-take-trout-fishing-areas				**For			
	more information on Special Management Areas-Trou							
	https://www.eregulations.com/maryland/fishing/specia	.l-ma	nagement-area	<u>s-trout</u>				
	Antietam	◊	4	3	2			
	Big Pool, Washington County	Δ	No Limit	No Limit	No Limit			
	Conococheague	Δ*	No Limit	No Limit	7			
	Jennings Randolph Reservoir	*	7	6	4			
	Jones Falls	Δ	7	7	6			
					1 every other			
Rock Bass ♥	Monocacy River	◊	2	1	month			
ROCK Buss V	North Branch of Potomac River from Old Town to							
	Jennings Randolf	*	8	7	4			
	Patapsco River/Baltimore Harbor	◊	2	2	1			
	Patapsco River: Non-Tidal Gwynns Falls	◊	2	2	1			
	Patapsco River: North of Ellicott City	Δ	No Limit	No Limit	No Limit			
		ىك	1	1	1 every other			
	Savage Reservoir	*	1	1	month			
C'1 P 1	Herring Bay	<u> </u>	· ·	6	3			
Silver Perch	Maryland's Atlantic Coastal Waters	<u>Δ</u>		No Limit	No Limit			
	St. Mary's River	V	/	6	3			



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	Bush River	Δ	5	5	4		
	Chester River	Δ	5	5	4		
	Choptank River	Δ	5	5	4		
	Eastern Bay: Miles & Wye River	Δ	5	5	4		
	Elk River	Δ	5	5	4		
	Herring Bay	\Diamond	6	5	3		
	Lower Chesapeake Bay and Tributaries	\Diamond	3	3	2		
	Lower Patuxent River	Δ	No Limit	No Limit	No Lim		
	Magothy	Δ	5	5	4		
	Mid Bay: Middle to Patapsco	\Diamond	2	2	1		
	•						
	Mid Bay: Patapsco to Upper Patuxent and Tributaries	\Diamond	3	3	2		
a	Middle Patuxent River	Δ	5	5	4		
Spot ♥	Middle River	Δ	5	5	4		
	Nanticoke River	Δ	5	5	4		
	Northeast River	Δ	5	5	4		
	Patapsco River - Middle Branch	\Diamond	2	2	1		
	Patapsco River/Baltimore Harbor	\Diamond	4	4	2		
	Pocomoke River	Δ	5	5	4		
	Potomac: Mouth to 301	Δ	5	5	4		
	Rhode & West	Δ	5	5	4		
	Sassafras River	Δ	5	5	4		
	Severn River	Δ	5	5	4		
	South River	Δ	5	5	4		
	St. Mary's River	Δ	5	5	4		
	Upper Chesapeake Bay and Tributaries	\Diamond	3	3	2		
	Upper Patuxent River	Δ	5	5	4		
	Wicomico River	Δ	5	5	4		



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	Atlantic Ocean				1 every other	
		< 28" Δ	1	1	month	
					1 every other	
		> 28"	1	1	month *	
	Choptank River	< 28" ◊	No Limit	8	5	
	Lower Chesapeake Bay and	< 28" ∆ ≭	No Limit	No Limit	7	
	Tributaries	< 28" \(\Delta \)	3	3	2	
		> 28" ∆ ≭	No Limit	No Limit	5	
					1 every other	
		> 28"	1	1	month	
	Mid Bay: Patapsco to Upper Patuxent	< 28" ∆ ≭	No Limit	No Limit	7	
	and Tributaries	< 28" \(\Delta\$	3	3	2	
		> 28" ∆ ≭	No Limit	No Limit	5	
					1 every other	
		> 28"	1	1	month	
Striped Bass	Nanticoke River: Marshy Hope Creek					
(Rockfish) ♥		< 28" ◊	No Limit	No Limit	No Limit	
	Northeast River	< 28" ◊	3	2	1	
	Patapsco River - Middle Branch	< 28" \(\Delta\$	2	2	1	
					1 every other	
		> 28"	1	1	month *	
	Patapsco River: S. Hanover Bridge to					
	Annapolis Rd	< 28" ◊	No Limit	No Limit	5	
	Potomac River - 301 Bridge to DC					
	Line	< 28" ◊	5	5	3	
	Susquehanna River - Below					
	Conowingo Dam	< 28" ◊	3	2	1	
	Upper Chesapeake Bay and	< 28" ◊ *	7	6	4	
	Tributaries	< 28"	3	3	2	
		> 28" ◊ 🗱	7	6	4	
					1 every other	
		> 28"	1	1	month	



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			General General				
Species	Waterbody		Population	Women 1	Children		
					1 every oth		
	Anacostia River	◊	1	1	month		
					1 every oth		
<u>_</u>	Antietam	◊	1	1	month		
<u>_</u>	Big Pool, Washington County	Δ	No Limit	No Limit	No Limit		
-	Broadford Lake	*	No Limit	No Limit	6		
	Bush River	Δ	No Limit	No Limit	No Limi		
<u>_</u>	Bynum Run	◊	2	2	1		
_	C & D Canal	◊	4	4	2		
_	Cash Lake	*	8	7	4		
	Centennial Lake	*	No Limit	No Limit	No Limi		
	Choptank River	Δ	No Limit	No Limit	No Limi		
_	Gunpowder River	Δ	2	2	1		
	Keys Community Park Pond	*	No Limit	No Limit	No Limi		
_	Lake Artemesia	*	No Limit	No Limit	No Limi		
_	Lake Bernard Frank	*	No Limit	No Limit	No Limi		
	Lake Lariat	*	4	3	2		
_	Lake Needwood	*	No Limit	No Limit	No Limi		
_	Lake Roland	Δ	No Limit	No Limit	8		
	Liberty Reservoir	*	No Limit	No Limit	No Limi		
_	Little Seneca Lake	*	No Limit	No Limit	8		
_	Loch Raven Reservoir	*	No Limit	No Limit	No Limi		
	Lower Patuxent River	Δ	No Limit	No Limit	7		
_	Magothy	Δ	5	5	5		
_	Middle Patuxent River	Δ	No Limit	No Limit	7		
Sunfish	Millington Wildlife Management Area	*	No Limit	No Limit	5		
(including			1 every other	1 every other			
Bluegill)	Monocacy River	◊	month	month	Avoid		
_	Non-Tidal Piscataway Creek	◊	Avoid	Avoid	Avoid		
	Patapsco River/Baltimore Harbor	Δ	6	5	3		
	Patapsco River: North of Ellicott City	◊	3	2	1		
_	Patapsco: Non-Tidal Gwynns Falls	◊	2	2	1		
	Piney Reservoir	*	No Limit	No Limit	8		
					1 every of		
_	Port Tobacco River	◊	2	1	month		
_	Potomac - 301 Bridge to DC Line	Δ	2	2	2		
_	Potomac River - Dam #4 to Dam #5	*	No Limit	No Limit	5		
_	Potomac River - DC line to Dam #3	Δ	No Limit	No Limit	8		
_	Potomac River - Town Creek	◊	6	5	3		
				1 every other	1 every of		
_	Potomac River: Mouth to 301	◊	1	month	month		
-	Prettyboy Reservoir	*	No Limit	No Limit	No Limi		
	Rock Creek (Montgomery County)	٨	3	3	3		
-	Rocky Gorge Reservoir	*	No Limit	No Limit	No Limi		
<u> </u>	Stansbury Pond	Δ	No Limit	No Limit	5		
}	Susquehanna River - Above Conowingo Dam	Δ	6	6	5		
}	Susquehanna River - Below Conowingo Dam	Δ	No Limit	No Limit	No Lim		
-	Triadelphia Reservoir	*	No Limit	No Limit	6		
	Upper Patuxent River	·	2	2	1		
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		Recommended Meals/Month			
			General	1	
Species	Waterbody		Population	Women 1	Children
					1 every of
	Winters Run	◊	1	1	month
	Conococheague	*	3	3	2
	Deep Creek Lake	*	3	3	2
	Jennings Randolph Reservoir	*	4	4	2
	North Branch of Potomac River from Old Town to				
	Jennings Randolf	*	2	2	1
Walleye	Potomac River - Dam #4 to Dam #5	*	4	4	2
	Potomac River - DC line to Dam #3	*	2	1	1
	Potomac River - DC line to Dam #3	•		1	1
			•	1 every other	
	Savage Reservoir	*	month	month	Avoid
	Youghiogheny River Lake	т	1	1	1
	Chester River	Δ	8	7	4
	Mid Bay: Middle to Patapsco	$\Delta \Diamond$	6	5	4 ◊
Vhite Catfish	Nanticoke River	Δ	2	2	2
	Patapsco River/Baltimore Harbor	Δ	Avoid	Avoid	Avoid
	Potomac - 301 Bridge to DC Line	Δ	Avoid	Avoid	Avoid
Vhite Crappie	Rocky Gorge Reservoir	*	No Limit	8	5
11	Anacostia River	◊	2	2	1
	Back River	Δ	2	1	1
	Bird River	Δ	2	2	1
	Bohemia River	Δ	2	2	1
	Bush River	\Diamond	4	3	2
	C & D Canal	Δ	4	4	2
	C & D Canal Chester River	\triangle	6	5	3
		*	No Limit	No Limit	No Lin
	Centennial Lake	^			
	Choptank River	♦	4	4	2
	Eastern Bay: Miles & Wye River	Δ	No Limit	No Limit	8
	Elk River	\rightarrow	7	6	3
	Gunpowder River	\Diamond	2	2	1
	Herring Bay	\Diamond	3	3	2
	Liberty Reservoir	*	3	2	1
	Magothy River	Δ	2	2	2
	Maryland's Atlantic Coastal Waters	Δ	No Limit	No Limit	8
	Mid Bay: Middle to Patapsco	Δ	5	4	2
1771 ' D 1	Middle Patuxent River	\Diamond	5	4	2
White Perch			1 every other	1 every other	
	Middle River	Δ	month	month	Avoid
	Nanticoke River	Δ	8	8	7
	Northeast River	Δ	3	2	1
	Patapsco River/Baltimore Harbor	Δ	1	1	1
	Patapsco River: S. Hanover Bridge to Annapolis Rd	\Diamond	4	4	2
	Pocomoke River	Δ*	5	5	5
	Port Tobacco River	Δ ^	3	2	1
		^	3	2	1
	Potomac - 301 Bridge to DC Line	· ·			1
	Potomac: Mouth to 301	Δ	6	6	6
	Rhode & West	Δ	4	4	3
	Sassafras River	Δ	2	2	2
	Severn River	Δ	2	2	2
	South River	Δ	3	3	2
	Tred Avon River	Δ	No Limit	No Limit	6



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			General		1		
Species	Waterbody		Population	Women 1	Children ²		
	Triadelphia Reservoir	*	6	5	3		
	Upper Patuxent River	Δ	No Limit	No Limit	No Limit		
	Wicomico River	\Diamond	4	3	2		
	Antietam	Δ	No Limit	8	5		
	Gunpowder River	◊	5	4	3		
White Sucker	Jones Falls	◊	3	3	2		
	Upper Patuxent River	◊	No Limit	8	4		
	Winters Run	◊	No Limit	No Limit	6		
	Anacostia River	◊	No Limit	No Limit	No Limit		
	Lake Bernard Frank	*	7	6	3		
	Liberty Reservoir	*	7	6	3		
	Monocacy River	*	6	5	3		
					1 every other		
	Non-Tidal Piscataway Creek	◊	1	1	month		
Yellow Bullhead	Lower Patuxent River	Δ	5	5	4		
	Middle Patuxent River	Δ	5	5	4		
					1 every other		
	Savage Reservoir	*	2	1	month		
	Upper Patuxent River	Δ	5	5	4		
	Wilde Lake	*	No Limit	No Limit	7		
	Youghiogheny River Lake	*	No Limit	No Limit	7		
	Bush River	Δ	2	2	1		
	Chester River	Δ	No Limit	No Limit	No Limit		
	Choptank River	Δ	No Limit	No Limit	No Limit		
	Deep Creek Lake	*	3	3	2		
	-		1 every other	1 every other	1 every other		
	Elk River	Δ	month	month	month		
	Gunpowder River	Δ	1	1	1		
	Liberty Reservoir	*	No Limit	No Limit	8		
	Little Seneca Lake	*	No Limit	No Limit	No Limit		
	Loch Raven Reservoir	*	No Limit	No Limit	6		
X7 11 D 1	Magothy	Δ	3	3	3		
Yellow Perch	Middle River	Δ	Avoid	Avoid	Avoid		
	Patapsco River: S. Hanover Bridge to Annapolis Rd	◊	8	7	4		
	Piney Run Lake	*	No Limit	No Limit	6		
	Savage Reservoir	◊	No Limit	No Limit	No Limit		
	Severn River	Δ	5	5	4		
	South River	Δ	4	4	4		
	Susquehanna River - Below Conowingo Dam	Δ	No Limit	No Limit	No Limit		
	Upper Choptank River: Greensboro Branch	◊	3	2	1		
	Upper Choptank River: Tuckahoe Branch	Δ	No Limit	No Limit	No Limit		
	Triadelphia Reservoir	*	No Limit	No Limit	8		
	Youghiogheny River Lake	*	6	6	3		