

Maryland Fish Consumption Advisories

for Recreationally Caught Fish in Anne Arundel 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

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

Contaminant present in fish: * Mercury Δ PCBs + Pesticides

Species	Waterbody	Recommended Meals/Month		
		General Population	Women ¹	Children ²
American Eel	Patapsco River/Baltimore Harbor Δ	Avoid	Avoid	Avoid
	Patuxent River Δ	3	3	3
	South River Δ	2	2	1
Blue Catfish	Patuxent River 15" - 24" Δ	No Limit	No Limit	6
Blue Crab	Back River, Middle River or Patapsco River including Baltimore Harbor Δ	6	6	5
	Chesapeake Bay and Tributaries Δ	No Limit	No Limit	No Limit
Blue Crab "Mustard"	Back River, Middle River or Patapsco River including Baltimore Harbor Δ	Avoid	Avoid	Avoid
	Chesapeake Bay and Tributaries Δ	Eat Sparingly	Eat Sparingly	Eat Sparingly
Brown Bullhead	Magothy Δ	8	8	7
	Mid Bay: Middle to Patapsco Δ	5	5	5
	Patapsco River/Baltimore Harbor Δ	1 every other month	1 every other month	1 every other month
	South River Δ	6	6	5
Brown Trout	Savage River Δ	5	5	3
Channel Catfish	Patapsco River/Baltimore Harbor Δ	1 every other month	1 every other month	1 every other month
	Patuxent River Δ	2	2	1
Common Carp	Rhode & West Δ	7	7	7
	South River Δ	2	2	1
Large and Smallmouth Bass ♥	Patapsco River/Baltimore Harbor Δ	3	3	2
	Patuxent River Δ	No Limit	No Limit	No Limit

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Rainbow Trout and Golden Rainbow Trout (Hatchery Raised)	All Hatchery Raised fish stocked in Anne Arundel County, Baltimore City, Baltimore County, Calvert County, Carroll County, Caroline County, Cecil County, Charles County, Frederick 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	No Limit
	**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-Trout see https://www.eregulations.com/maryland/fishing/special-management-areas-trout			
Spot ♥	Chesapeake Bay and Tributaries Δ	5	5	4
	Magothy Δ	5	5	4
	Mid Bay: Middle to Patapsco Δ	5	5	4
	Patapsco River/Baltimore Harbor Δ	5	5	4
	Patuxent River Δ	5	5	4
	Rhode & West Δ	5	5	4
	Severn River Δ	5	5	4
	South River Δ	5	5	4
Striped Bass (Rockfish) ♥	Chesapeake Bay and Tributaries < 28" Δ ✕	No Limit	No Limit	7
	< 28" Δ	3	3	2
	> 28" Δ ✕	No Limit	No Limit	5
	> 28" Δ	1	1	1 every other month
	Patapsco River - Middle Branch < 28" Δ	2	2	1
	> 28" Δ	1	1	1 every other month *
Sunfish (including Bluegill)	Magothy Δ	5	5	5
	Keys Community Park Pond *	No Limit	No Limit	No Limit
	Patapsco River/Baltimore Harbor Δ	6	5	3
	Patuxent River Δ	No Limit	No Limit	7
	Stansbury Pond Δ	No Limit	No Limit	5

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White Catfish	Mid Bay: Middle to Patapsco	Δ	6	5	3
	Patapsco River/Baltimore Harbor	Δ	Avoid	Avoid	Avoid
White Perch	Herring Bay	Δ	4	4	2
	Magothy	Δ	2	2	2
	Mid Bay: Middle to Patapsco	Δ	5	4	2
	Patapsco River/Baltimore Harbor	Δ	6	5	3
	Patuxent River	Δ	No Limit	No Limit	No Limit
	Rhode & West	Δ	4	4	3
	Severn River	Δ	2	2	2
	South River	Δ	3	3	2
Yellow Bullhead	Patuxent River	Δ	5	5	4
Yellow Perch	Magothy	Δ	3	3	3
	Severn River	Δ	5	5	4
	South River	Δ	4	4	4