

Maryland Fish Consumption Advisories

for Recreationally Caught Fish in Dorchester 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	Choptank River Δ		1	1	1
Blue Catfish	Choptank River	15" - 24" Δ	No Limit	No Limit	5
	Nanticoke River	15" - 24" Δ	No Limit	No Limit	7
Blue Crab	Chesapeake Bay and Tributaries Δ		No Limit	No Limit	No Limit
Blue Crab "Mustard"	Chesapeake Bay and Tributaries Δ		Eat Sparingly	Eat Sparingly	Eat Sparingly
Channel Catfish	Choptank River Δ		2	2	2
	Nanticoke River Δ		1 every other month	1 every other month	1 every other month
Spot ♥	Chesapeake Bay and Tributaries Δ		5	5	4
	Choptank River Δ		5	5	4
	Nanticoke 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
White Catfish	Nanticoke River Δ		2	2	2
White Perch	Choptank Δ		No Limit	No Limit	No Limit
	Nanticoke River Δ		8	8	7
Yellow Perch	Choptank Δ		No Limit	No Limit	No Limit