Maryland Fish Consumption Advisories

for Recreationally Caught Fish in Queen Anne's 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

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

- \mathbf{v} = Fish contains more than 1g beneficial fatty acids in a fillet the size of 2 decks of cards
- \mathbf{x} = Fish where all dark meat and/or Belly Fat has been removed

Contaminant present in fish: * Mercury \triangle PCBs + Pesticides

			Recommended Meals/Month			
Species	Waterbody		General Population	Women ¹	Children ²	
American Eel	Elk River	Δ	Avoid	Avoid	Avoid	
Blue Crab	Chesapeake Bay and Tributaries	Δ	No Limit	No Limit	No Limit	
Blue Crab "Mustard"	Chesapeake Bay and Tributaries	Δ			Eat Sparingly	
Brown Bullhead	Chester River Elk River	Δ Δ	No Limit 2	No Limit 2	<u>8</u> 2	
Channel Catfish	Chester River < 20"	Δ	6	5	3	
	Chester River > 20"	Δ	1	1	1	
	Elk River Sassafras River	Δ Δ	2 2	22	1 every other month	
Large and Smallmouth Bass ♥	Unicorn Lake	*		No Limit	5	
	Wye Mills Community Lake	*	No Limit	No Limit	8	
Rainbow Trout and Golden Rainbow Trout (Hatchery Raised)	**For more information on put-and-take fish see https://www.eregulations.com/maryland/fishing/put- **For more information on Special Management Are https://www.eregulations.com/maryland/fishing/spec	eas-	l-take-trout-fis		No Limit	
Spot ♥	Chesapeake Bay and Tributaries	Δ	5	5	4	
	Chester River	Δ		5	4	
	Eastern Bay: Miles & Wye River	Δ		5	4	
	Elk River	Δ	5	5	4	

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Striped Bass (Rockfish) ♥	Chesapeake Bay and Tributaries	<28" ∆ ≭	No Limit	No Limit	7
		< 28" Δ	3	3	2
		>28" ∆ ≭	No Limit	No Limit	5
					1 every other
		> 28" Δ	1	1	month
White Catfish	Chester River	Δ	8	7	4
White Perch	Chester River	Δ	No Limit	No Limit	No Limit
	Eastern Bay: Miles & Wye River	Δ	No Limit	No Limit	8
	Elk River	Δ	No Limit	8	5
Yellow Perch	Chester River	Δ	No Limit	No Limit	No Limit