

Maryland Fish Consumption Advisories

for Recreationally Caught Fish in Baltimore 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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♥ = 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	Back River Δ	Avoid	Avoid	Avoid
	Middle River Δ	1 every other month	1 every other month	Avoid
	Patapsco River/Baltimore Harbor Δ	Avoid	Avoid	Avoid
Black Crappie	Lake Roland * +	3	3	3
	Liberty Reservoir *	8	7	4
	Loch Raven Reservoir *	No Limit	No Limit	6
Blue Crab	Back River, Middle River or Patapsco River including Baltimore Harbor Δ	6	6	5
	Other Areas of the Bay Δ	No Limit	No Limit	No Limit
Blue Crab "Mustard"	Back River, Middle River or Patapsco River including Baltimore Harbor Δ	Avoid	Avoid	Avoid
	Other Areas of the Bay Δ	Eat Sparingly	Eat Sparingly	Eat Sparingly
Brown Bullhead	Back River Δ	1 every other month	1 every other month	1 every other month
	Gunpowder River Δ	4	4	3
	Mid Bay: Middle to Patapsco Δ	5	5	5
	Middle River Δ	2	2	1 every other month
	Patapsco River/Baltimore Harbor Δ	1 every other month	1 every other month	1 every other month
Brown Trout	Jones Falls Δ	3	3	3
Channel Catfish	Back River Δ	Avoid	Avoid	Avoid
	Bird River Δ	Avoid	Avoid	Avoid
	Gunpowder River Δ	1 every other month	1 every other month	Avoid
	Middle River Δ	Avoid	Avoid	Avoid
	Patapsco River/Baltimore Harbor Δ	1 every other month	1 every other month	1 every other month
Common Carp	Back River Δ	Avoid	Avoid	Avoid
	Gunpowder River Δ	2	2	2
	Lake Roland * +	2	2	2

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Large and Smallmouth Bass	Gunpowder River	Δ	2	2	2
	Lake Roland	* +	5	4	3
	Liberty Reservoir	*	5	5	3
	Loch Raven Reservoir	*	8	7	4
	Middle River	Δ	1	1	1 every other month
	Patapsco River/Baltimore Harbor	Δ	3	3	2
	Prettyboy Reservoir	*	5	5	3
Rock Bass ♥	Jones Falls	Δ	7	7	6
Spot ♥	Back River	Δ	5	5	4
	Chesapeake Bay and Tributaries	Δ	5	5	4
	Mid Bay: Middle to Patapsco	Δ	5	5	4
	Middle River	Δ	5	5	4
	Patapsco River/Baltimore Harbor	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)	Gunpowder River	Δ	2	2	1
	Lake Roland	Δ	No Limit	No Limit	8
	Liberty Reservoir	*	No Limit	No Limit	No Limit
	Loch Raven Reservoir	*	No Limit	No Limit	No Limit
	Patapsco River/Baltimore Harbor	Δ	No Limit	No Limit	8
	Prettyboy Reservoir	*	No Limit	No Limit	No Limit
White Catfish	Patapsco River/Baltimore Harbor	Δ	Avoid	Avoid	Avoid

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White Perch	Back River	Δ	2	2	2
	Bird River	Δ	2	2	1
	Gunpowder River	Δ	3	3	3
	Liberty Reservoir	*	3	2	1
	Mid Bay: Middle to Patapsco	Δ	4	3	2
	Middle River	Δ	1 every other month	1 every other month	Avoid
	Patapsco River/Baltimore Harbor	Δ	2	1	1 every other month
White Sucker	Gunpowder River	Δ	No Limit	No Limit	No Limit
Yellow Bullhead Catfish	Liberty Reservoir	*	7	6	3
Yellow Perch	Gunpowder River	Δ	1	1	1
	Liberty Reservoir	*	No Limit	No Limit	8
	Loch Raven Reservoir	*	No Limit	No Limit	6
	Middle River	Δ	Avoid	Avoid	Avoid