

# Maryland Fish Consumption Advisories

## for Recreationally Caught Fish in Caroline 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 <sup>1</sup>	Children <sup>2</sup>
American Eel	Choptank River	Δ	1	1	1
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
Large and Smallmouth Bass ♥	Smithville Lake	*	No Limit	No Limit	5
Spot ♥	Choptank 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 Perch	Choptank	Δ	No Limit	No Limit	No Limit
Yellow Perch	Choptank	Δ	No Limit	No Limit	No Limit