

Fish Consumption Advisories in Effect for Mecklenburg County Lakes & Streams

The N.C. Department of Health and Human Services, Division of Public Health⁽¹⁾ and the S.C. Department of Health and Environmental Control⁽²⁾ have issued the following fish consumption advisories to protect citizens from exposure to contaminants, including polychlorinated biphenyls (PCBs) and mercury.

Location	Fish Type	Directions
Lake Norman		Women of childbearing age (15 to 44 years), pregnant women, nursing mothers, and children under age 15 should <u>not eat</u> these fish.
	Striped Bass ⁽¹⁾	All other people should <u>not eat more than one</u> <u>meal* per week</u>
	Hybrid Striped Bass ⁽¹⁾	All people should not eat more than 2 meals* per week
		Women of childbearing age (15 to 44 years), pregnant women, nursing mothers, and children under age 15 should not eat these fish.
	Largemouth Bass ⁽¹⁾	All other people should not eat more than two meals* per month
Mountain Island Lake		Women of childbearing age (15 to 44 years), pregnant women, nursing mothers, and children under age 15 should not eat these fish.
	Blue Catfish ⁽¹⁾	All other people should not eat more than one meal* per month.
	Channel Catfish ⁽¹⁾	All people should not eat these fish.
		Women of childbearing age (15 to 44 years), pregnant women, nursing mothers, and children under age 15 should not eat these fish.
	Largemouth Bass ⁽¹⁾	All other people should not eat more than two meals* per month .



Lake Wylie, North Carolina	Largemouth Bass ⁽¹⁾	Women of childbearing age (15 to 44 years), pregnant women, nursing mothers, and children under age 15 should <u>not eat</u> these fish. All other people should <u>not eat more than two meals* per month</u> .
Lake Wylie, South Carolina	Largemouth Bass ⁽²⁾	All people should <u>not eat more than one</u> <u>meal* per week</u> .
All surface waters in Mecklenburg County, including all streams, lakes and ponds	Largemouth Bass ⁽¹⁾ , except Lake Norman, Mountain Island Lake and Lake Wylie have own advisories (see above) Bluegill Sunfish ⁽¹⁾ Farm Raised Catfish ⁽¹⁾ Farm Raised and Wild Trout ⁽¹⁾ Farm Raised Crayfish ⁽¹⁾	Women of childbearing age (15 to 44 years), pregnant women, nursing mothers, and children under age 15 should not eat these fish. All other people should not eat more than one meal* per week. Women of childbearing age (15 to 44 years), pregnant women, nursing mothers, and children under age 15 should not eat more than two meals* per week of these fish. All other people should not eat more than four meals* per week.
All surface waters in Mecklenburg County south and east of I- 85, including all streams, lakes and ponds	Blackfish (Bowfin) ⁽¹⁾ Catfish ⁽¹⁾ Warmouth ⁽¹⁾ Yellow Perch ⁽¹⁾	Women of childbearing age (15 to 44 years), pregnant women, nursing mothers, and children under age 15 should not eat these fish. All other people should not eat more one meal* per week.

*A meal is defined as 6 ounces of uncooked fish for adults or 2 ounces of uncooked fish for children under 15.

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