

**STATE WATER RESOURCES CONTROL BOARD  
BOARD MEETING SESSION – OFFICE OF INFORMATION MANAGEMENT AND ANALYSIS  
MAY 19, 2009**

**ITEM 10**

**SUBJECT**

PRESENTATION OF THE RESULTS FROM THE FIRST YEAR OF MONITORING  
CONTAMINANT LEVELS IN SPORT FISH IN CALIFORNIA LAKES.

**DISCUSSION**

The State Water Resources Control Board has released a report, *Contaminants in Fish from California Lakes and Reservoirs* that presents initial results from an extensive statewide survey. The monitoring indicates that concentrations of mercury in indicator species are above human health thresholds across much of the state. PCBs were second to mercury in exceeding thresholds, although far fewer lakes reached concentrations that pose potential health concerns to consumers of fish from California lakes. Concentrations of other pollutants were generally low and infrequently exceeded thresholds. The full report and a summary fact sheet are available at: [http://www.waterboards.ca.gov/water\\_issues/programs/swamp/lakes\\_study.shtml](http://www.waterboards.ca.gov/water_issues/programs/swamp/lakes_study.shtml)

**POLICY ISSUE**

None

**FISCAL IMPACT**

None

**REGIONAL BOARD IMPACT**

Yes, Regional Boards will need to review data for next CWA 303(d) Listing cycle

**STAFF RECOMMENDATION**

None

This item will assist the Water Boards in reaching Goal 5 of the Strategic Plan Update: 2008-2012 by enhancing and improving accessibility of data and information.