

## The OEHHA Fish Advisory Program

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The Office of Environmental Health Hazard Assessment's (OEHHA) fish advisory program provides consumption advice for recreationally caught fish and shellfish from California lakes, rivers and coastal waters. Advisories consider both the risks and benefits of fish consumption, and are most frequently based on concentrations of mercury and/or polychlorinated biphenyls (PCBs) detected in fish tissue. OEHHA's consumption advice identifies fish species from specific water bodies that should either not be eaten or should be limited to one serving per week, as well as fish species that can be eaten more frequently (2-7 servings per week).

More than 90 site-specific advisories have been developed since the program's inception, along with a statewide advisory for those lakes and reservoirs where an advisory has not yet been completed. OEHHA also has an advisory for fish that migrate between the ocean and rivers. Since July 2015, more than 20 new or updated advisories have been developed for recreational waters throughout the state, including an advisory for coastal areas that do not have site-specific advice. OEHHA's fish consumption advisories can be found [here](#).

OEHHA requires high-quality data that meet its data criteria in order to develop fish consumption advisories. Data collected and analyzed under the Surface Water Ambient Monitoring Program (SWAMP) and its Bioaccumulation Oversight Group (BOG) subcommittee provide a crucial source of data for the program. OEHHA works closely with participating agency staff to coordinate sampling and analysis to facilitate fish advisory development.

