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Matt,

Here is a link to a draft report prepared for an advisory at Black Butte Reservoir (from our web site - www.oehha.ca.gov) that includes fish tissue levels for mercury and corresponding levels of consumption advice. The level for two meals a month is not included in Table 5 but it would be half way between the levels for once a week and once a month.

Let me know if you have any further questions.

Margy

<http://www.oehha.ca.gov/fish/pdf/bbutteD1.pdf>

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FOREWORD

This report provides recommended guidelines for consumption of largemouth bass and channel catfish from Black Butte Reservoir (Glenn and Tehama Counties) as a result of findings of high levels of mercury in fish tested from Black Butte Reservoir. These recommendations are made to protect against possible adverse health effects from methylmercury as consumed from mercury-contaminated fish. The report provides background information and a description of the data and criteria used to develop the guidelines.

To protect public health in the period while this technical support document was being prepared for public comment, the County of Glenn Health Services Agency, Division of Environmental Health, and the County of Tehama Health Services, in consultation with the Office of Environmental Health Hazard Assessment, issued an interim public health advisory for fish from Black Butte Reservoir. This advisory is included in Appendix I. Once finalized, the advisory contained herein will become the final state advisory.

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