

LOUISIANA HEALTH/FISH CONSUMPTION ADVISORIES (MERCURY)

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| | | | WOMEN OF CHILDBEARING AGE AND CHILDREN UNDER THE AGE OF 7 | OTHER ADULTS AND CHILDREN AGE 7 AND OLDER | |
| Amite River Drainage Basin | Amite River from the Mississippi State Line to its confluence with Lake Maurepas, Colyell Creek, the Amite River Diversion Canal and the Petite Amite River | East Feliciana, St. Helena, East Baton Rouge, Livingston, and Ascension | Limit bowfin (choupique, grinnel), freshwater drum (gaspergou), largemouth bass and warmouth to no more than 1 meal per month combined from the advisory area; OR limit bigmouth buffalo, crappie (sac-a-lait), flathead catfish, redear sunfish and spotted bass to no more than 2 meals per month combined from the advisory area | No advisory | 7/1/2004; 7/29/2021 |
| Bayou Bartholomew | Bayou Bartholomew from the LA/AR state line to its confluence with the Ouachita River | Morehouse | No bowfin (choupique, grinnel); Limit consumption of other fish species to no more than 1 meal per month combined. | No bowfin (choupique, grinnel); Limit consumption of other fish species to no more than 4 meals per month combined. | 1/99; 5/29/03 |
| Bayou Bonne Idee | Bayou Bonne Idee from its headwaters near Jones, Louisiana to its confluence with the Boeuf River east of Oak Ridge. | Morehouse | No bowfin (choupique, grinnel); Limit largemouth bass and freshwater drum (gaspergou) consumption to no more than 1 meal per month combined. | No bowfin (choupique, grinnel); Limit largemouth bass and freshwater drum (gaspergou) consumption to no more than 4 meals per month combined. | 7/1/2004 |
| Bayou Chene and Bayou Lacassine | Bayou Chene from its headwaters near Jennings to its confluence with Bayou Lacassine, and Bayou Lacassine from its headwaters near Lacassine to its confluence with Bayou Misere. | Jefferson Davis, Calcasieu, and Cameron | Limit largemouth bass and bowfin (choupique, grinnel) consumption to no more than 1 meal per month combined; OR should consume no more than 2 meals per month of crappie, freshwater drum (gaspergou), smallmouth buffalo, and warmouth combined from the advisory area. | No advisory | 04/08/2006; 5/21/2021 |
| Bayou De Loutre and Associated Lakes (Phillips, Hatley and Hudson) | Bayou De Loutre from the Arkansas State Line to its confluence with the Ouachita River including Phillips, Hatley, and Hudson Lakes | Union | No consumption of any species. | Limit consumption of all species to no more than 2 meals per month combined. | 11/20/00; 5/29/03; 7/1/04 |
| Bayou des Cannes | Bayou des Cannes from its origin near Ville Platte to its confluence with the Mermentau | Acadia, Evangeline | Limit bowfin (choupique, grinnel), largemouth bass, crappie (sac-a-lait) and freshwater drum (gaspergou) consumption to no more than 1 meal per month combined. | No advisory | 10/97; 5/29/03; 7/25/18 |
| Bayou DeSiard | Bayou DeSiard from its headwaters to its confluence with the Ouachita River | Ouachita | No bowfin (choupique, grinnel); Limit consumption of other fish species to no more than 1 meal per month combined. | No bowfin (choupique, grinnel); Limit consumption of other fish species to no more than 4 meals per month combined. | 5/29/03 |
| Bayou Dorcheat | Bayou Dorcheat from the Arkansas State Line to its confluence with Lake Bistineau. | Webster | Limit largemouth bass, spotted bass, black crappie, freshwater drum (gaspergou), flathead catfish and bowfin (choupique, grinnel) consumption to no more than 1 meal per month combined. | Limit largemouth bass, spotted bass, black crappie, freshwater drum (gaspergou), flathead catfish and bowfin (choupique, grinnel) consumption to no more than 4 meal per month combined. | 7/1/2004; 3/8/2006 |

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| Bayou Liberty | The entire length of Bayou Liberty | St. Tammany | No black crappie; AND limit bowfin (choupique, grinnel), flathead catfish, largemouth bass and white crappie to no more than one meal per month combined from the advisory area; OR limit bluegill, freshwater drum (gaspergou), redear sunfish and white bass to no more than two meals per month combined from the advisory area. | Limit black crappie to no more than 2 meals per month; OR limit flathead catfish to no more than 3 meals per month. | 1/31/97; 5/29/03; 7/29/2021 |
| Bayou Louis | Bayou Louis from its headwaters to its confluence with the Ouachita River including Lake Louis (Lovelace Lake) | Catahoula | No bowfin (choupique, grinnel); Limit consumption of other fish species to no more than 1 meal per month combined. | No bowfin (choupique, grinnel); Limit consumption of other fish species to no more than 4 meals per month combined. | 5/29/03 |
| Bayou Nezpique | Bayou Nezpique from its' headwaters to its' confluence with the Mermentau River. | Acadia, Allen, Evangeline, and Jefferson Davis | Limit largemouth bass and bowfin (choupique, grinnel) to no more than 1 meal per month combined from the advisory area; OR should consume no more than 2 meals per month of freshwater drum (gaspergou), crappie, and warmouth combined. | Limit bowfin (choupique, grinnel) consumption to no more than 3 meals per month. | 1/11/2009; 5/21/2021 |
| Bayou Plaquemine Brule | Bayou Plaquemine Brule from its origin near Opelousas to its confluence with the Mermentau River | Acadia, St. Landry | Limit bowfin (choupique, grinnel), largemouth bass, crappie (sac-a-lait), flathead catfish and freshwater drum (gaspergou) consumption to no more than 1 meal per month combined. | No advisory | 10/96; 5/29/03; 7/25/18 |
| Bayou Queue De Tortue | Bayou Queue de Tortue from its headwaters near Cankton, Louisiana to its confluence with the Mermentau River east of Lake Arthur, Louisiana. | Acadia, Lafayette and Vermilion | Limit bowfin (choupique, grinnel) and largemouth bass consumption to no more than 1 meal per month combined. Limit crappie (sac-a-lait), freshwater drum, warmouth, and bluegill sunfish to 2 meals per month combined. | No advisory | 7/1/2004; 7/25/18 |
| Big Alabama Bayou | The entire length of Big Alabama Bayou from the boat landing at Hwy 975 to near the Atchafalaya River Pilot Channel | Pointe Coupee, Iberville, and St. Martin | Do not consume flathead catfish. Limit consumption of all other species to no more than 1 meal per month combined. | Limit consumption to no more than 2 meals per month of flathead catfish. | 5/29/2003; 5/21/2021 |
| Black Bayou Lake | Black Bayou Lake only | Caddo | Limit largemouth bass and bowfin (choupique, grinnel) consumption to no more than 1 meal per month combined. | Limit largemouth bass and bowfin (choupique, grinnel) consumption to no more than 4 meals per month combined. | 3/8/06 |
| Black Bayou Lake | Black Bayou Lake only | Ouachita | No bowfin (choupique, grinnel) consumption. | Limit bowfin (choupique, grinnel) consumption to 1 meal a month. | 5/29/03 |
| Black Lake | Black Lake only | Natchitoches | No bowfin (choupique, grinnel) consumption; Limit largemouth bass, white bass, crappie (sac-a-lait), or freshwater drum (gaspergou) consumption to no more than 1 meal per month combined. | Limit bowfin (choupique, grinnel) to 2 meals per month; Limit largemouth bass, white bass, crappie (sac-a-lait), and freshwater drum (gaspergou) consumption to no more than 4 meals per month combined. | 10/96; 5/29/03 |

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| Blind River | The Blind River only | St. James, Ascension, Livingston, St. John the Baptist | Limit bowfin (choupique, grinnel), largemouth bass and freshwater drum (gaspergou) to no more than 1 meal per month combined from the advisory area; OR limit consumption of any other species from the advisory area to no more than two meals per month. | Limit bowfin (choupique, grinnel) from the advisory area to no more than 3 meals per month. | 4/23/98; 5/29/03; 7/29/2021 |
| Boeuf River | The Boeuf River from the confluence with Lake Lafourche to the confluence with the Ouachita River | Caldwell, Franklin, Richland, and Catahoula | No bowfin (choupique, grinnel); Limit consumption of other fish species to no more than 1 meal per month combined. | No bowfin (choupique, grinnel); Limit consumption of other fish species to no more than 4 meals per month combined. | 5/29/03 |
| Bogue Chitto River | The Bogue Chitto River from MS/LA state line to the Pearl River Navigation Canal | St. Tammany, Washington | Limit consumption of all bass species and bowfin (choupique, grinnel) to no more than 1 meal per month combined. | Limit consumption of all bass species and bowfin (choupique, grinnel) to no more than 4 meals per month combined. | 8/96; 5/29/03 |
| Bogue Falaya and Tchefoncté Rivers | The Bogue Falaya from its headwaters to its confluence with the Tchefoncté and the Tchefoncté from its headwaters to Lake Pontchartrain | Washington, St. Tammany, and Tangipahoa | Limit black drum, crappie (sac-au-lait), flathead catfish, freshwater drum (gaspergou), largemouth bass and spotted bass to no more than 1 meal per month combined from the advisory area; OR limit bigmouth buffalo, bluegill, bowfin (choupique, grinnel) and striped bass to no more than 2 meals per month combined from the advisory area. | Limit flathead catfish, freshwater drum (gaspergou), largemouth bass and spotted bass to no more than 3 meals per month combined from the advisory area. | 5/29/2003; 7/29/2021 |
| Caddo Lake | Caddo Lake only | Caddo | Limit bowfin (choupique, grinnel) consumption to no more than 6 meals per year. | Limit bowfin (choupique, grinnel) consumption to no more than 2 meals per month. | 2/11/2009 |
| Calcasieu River Drainage Basin | Calcasieu River from Hwy 26 to the Saltwater Barrier north of Lake Charles, the West Fork Calcasieu River, Houston River, Hickory Creek, Beckwith Creek, English Bayou and Little River | Calcasieu, Jefferson Davis, and Allen | Limit black crappie, largemouth bass, and bowfin, freshwater drum, spotted bass, and flathead catfish to no more than 1 meal per month combined; OR consume no more than 2 meals per month of other species caught in the advisory area. | Limit largemouth bass, bowfin (choupique, grinnel) and freshwater drum (gaspergou) consumption to no more than 3 meals per month combined. | 11/20/00; 5/29/03; 7/01/04; 05/21/2021 |
| Cheniere (Brake) Lake | Cheniere (Brake) Lake only | Ouachita | No consumption of bowfin (choupique, grinnel) and limit consumption of largemouth bass to no more than 2 meals per month. | Limit consumption of bowfin (choupique, grinnel) to no more than 2 meals a month; Limit consumption of largemouth bass to no more than 4 meals a month. | 7/1/2004 |
| Chicot Lake | Chicot Lake only | Evangeline | Limit largemouth bass, bowfin (choupique, grinnel) and black crappie (sac-a-lait) consumption to no more than 2 meals per month combined. | No advisory | 5/97; 5/29/03; 7/25/18 |
| Clear Lake (Lake Edwards) | Clear Lake (Lake Edwards) only | Desoto | Limit black crappie, bowfin (choupique, grinnel), largemouth bass and bigmouth buffalo consumption to no more than 1 meal per month combined. | No advisory | 2/11/2009 |
| Cocodrie Lake | Cocodrie Lake only | Evangeline, Rapides | Limit bowfin (choupique, grinnel) consumption to no more than 6 meals per year; Limit largemouth bass, black crappie, warmouth, bluegill sunfish and bigmouth buffalo to no more than 1 meal per month combined. | Limit bowfin (choupique, grinnel) consumption to no more than 2 meals per month; Limit largemouth bass and black crappie to no more than 3 meals per month combined. | 9/1/2008; 7/25/18 |
| Corney Lake | Corney Lake only | Claiborne | Limit largemouth bass and bowfin (choupique, grinnel) consumption to no more than 1 meal per month combined. | Limit largemouth bass and bowfin (choupique, grinnel) consumption to no more than 4 meals per month combined. | 5/29/03 |

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| Crooked Creek Reservoir | Crooked Creek Reservoir only | Evangeline | Limit largemouth bass and bowfin consumption to no more than 1 meal per month combined. | No advisory | 9/1/2008; 7/25/18 |
| Grand Bayou Reservoir | John K. Kelley- Grand Bayou Reservoir | Red River | No bowfin (choupique, grinnel) consumption. Limit largemouth bass consumption to no more than 1 meal per month. | Limit bowfin (choupique, grinnel) and largemouth bass consumption to no more than 2 meals per month. | 5/29/03 |
| Gulf of Mexico | Gulf of Mexico waters off of all coastal parishes | Coastal Parishes | No consumption of king mackerel; Limit cobia, blackfin tuna and greater amberjack consumption to no more than one meal per month. | No consumption of king mackerel greater than 39 inches in total length; Limit consumption of king mackerel 39 inches or less in total length to no more than 2 meals per month; Limit consumption of cobia, blackfin tuna and greater amberjack to no more than four meals per month combined. | 9/4/1997; 3/8/2006 |
| Henderson Lake Area | Henderson Lake, Lake Bigeux, and all waters within the area bounded on the north by the St. Landry/St. Martin Parish line, on the east by the West Atchafalaya River levee, on the south by Hwy 3177 and on the west by the West Atchafalaya Basin levee | St. Martin | Limit largemouth bass and bowfin to no more than 2 meals combined per month. | No advisory | 1/31/1996; 5/29/03; 7/25/18 |
| I-10 Canal and Work Canal | The canal that is between the Interstate 10 Bridges (between Whiskey Bay and Ramah) and the canal known as Work Canal, which runs north to south and intersects the I-10 Canal. | Iberville | Limit largemouth bass, black crappie, and bowfin (choupique, grinnel) consumption to no more than 1 meals per month combined. | Limit largemouth bass, black crappie, bowfin (choupique, grinnel) consumption to no more than 4 meals per month combined. | 7/1/2004 |
| Iatt Lake | Iatt Lake only | Grant | Limit largemouth bass and bowfin (choupique, grinnel) consumption to no more than 1 meal per month combined. | Limit largemouth bass and bowfin (choupique, grinnel) consumption to no more than 4 meals per month combined. | 3/8/2006 |
| Ivan Lake | Ivan Lake only | Bossier | No consumption of bowfin (choupique, grinnel). Limit consumption of largemouth bass to no more than 1 meal per month. | Limit consumption of bowfin (choupique, grinnel) to no more than 2 meals a month; Limit consumption of largemouth bass to no more than 4 meals per month. | 11/20/2000; 5/29/03 |
| Kepler Creek Lake | Kepler Creek Lake only | Bienville | No bowfin (choupique, grinnel) consumption. | Limit bowfin (choupique, grinnel) consumption to 1 meal per month. | 5/29/03 |
| Lake Bistineau | Lake Bistineau only | Webster, Bossier, and Bienville | Limit bowfin (choupique, grinnel) consumption to no more than 1 meal per month. | Limit bowfin (choupique, grinnel) consumption to no more than 4 meals per month. | 3/8/2006 |
| Lake Vernon | Lake Vernon only | Vernon | Limit largemouth bass, flathead catfish, redear and bluegill sunfish (bream) consumption to no more than 1 meal per month. | Limit largemouth bass, flathead catfish, redear and bluegill sunfish (bream) consumption to no more than 4 meals per month combined. | 8/97; 5/29/03 |
| Little Alabama Bayou | Little Alabama Bayou from its headwaters near East Krotz Springs to its confluence with Big Alabama Bayou. | Point Coupee, Iberville, and St. Martin | Limit bowfin (choupique, grinnel) and largemouth bass to no more than 1 meal per month; OR consume no more than 3 meals per month of black crappie and freshwater drum (gaspergou). | No advisory | 5/21/2021 |

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| Little River/Catahoula Lake Area | Catahoula Lake, Little River, Old River, Black River, Saline Lake, Larto Lake (Saline-Larto Complex), Shad Lake, and Associated Water Bodies | Avoyelles, Catahoula, Concordia, Grant, LaSalle, and Rapides | No largemouth bass, white bass, freshwater drum (gaspergou), flathead catfish or bowfin (choupique, grinnel) consumption; Limit white crappie consumption to no more than 2 meals per month. | Limit largemouth bass, white bass, freshwater drum (gaspergou), flathead catfish and bowfin (choupique, grinnel) consumption to no more than 2 meals per month combined; Limit white crappie to no more than 4 meals per month. | 11/20/00; 5/29/03 |
| Old River (Niblett Bluff) | Old River (Niblett Bluff) from its' headwaters to its' confluence with the Sabine River | Calcasieu | Do not consume bowfin (choupique, grinnel) or freshwater drum (gaspergou); Limit consumption of all other species in the area to no more than one meal per month. | Limit freshwater drum (gaspergou) and bowfin (choupique, grinnel) consumption to no more than 2 meals per month combined. | 02/11/2009; 5/21/2021 |
| Ouachita River | LA/ARK border to the confluence of the Tensas River including any lakes that are inside the levee system or within the Ouachita River flood plain | Ouachita, Union, Morehouse, Caldwell, and Catahoula | No bowfin (choupique, grinnel); Limit consumption of other fish species to no more than 1 meal per month combined. | No bowfin (choupique, grinnel); Limit consumption of other fish species to no more than 4 meals per month combined. | 7/92; 5/29/03 |
| Pearl River | The entire length of the Pearl River | St. Tammany, Washington | No bowfin (choupique, grinnel) consumption. Limit bass, bigmouth buffalo and freshwater drum (gaspergou) consumption to no more than 1 meal per month combined. | No bowfin (choupique, grinnel) consumption; Limit bass, bigmouth buffalo and freshwater drum (gaspergou) to no more than 4 meals per month combined. | 1/31/97; 5/29/03 |
| Saline Lake and Bayou | Saline Bayou from its' headwaters in Bienville Parish to, and including, Saline Lake | Bienville, Winn, and Natchitoches | Limit largemouth bass consumption to no more than 6 meals per year; Limit carp, freshwater drum, longear sunfish and warmouth to no more than 3 meals per month; Limit black crappie to no more than 2 meals per month; Limit bowfin (choupique, grinnel) and spotted bass to no more than 1 meal per month combined. | Limit largemouth bass consumption to no more than 2 meals per month; Limit bowfin (choupique, grinnel) and spotted bass to no more than 3 meals per month combined. | 2/11/2009 |
| Seventh Ward Canal | The Seventh Ward Canal (southwest of Abbeville) | Vermilion | Limit bowfin (choupique, grinnel) consumption to no more than 1 meal per month. Limit largemouth bass, flathead catfish, white crappie (sac-a-lait) and freshwater drum (gaspergou) consumption to no more than 2 meals per month combined. | No advisory | 7/97; 5/29/03; 7/25/18 |
| Tangipahoa River | The Tangipahoa River from the LA/MS state line to Lake Pontchartrain | Tangipahoa | Limit bowfin (choupique, grinnel), flathead catfish, freshwater drum (gaspergou), largemouth bass and spotted bass to no more than 1 meal per month combined from the advisory area; OR limit all other species combined from the advisory area to no more than 2 meals per month. | Limit largemouth bass from the advisory area to 3 meals per month. | 5/29/2003; 7/29/2021 |
| Tew Lake | Tew Lake only | Catahoula | Limit bowfin (choupique, grinnel) consumption to no more than 1 meal per month. | Limit bowfin (choupique, grinnel) consumption to no more than 4 meals per month. | 7/1/2004 |

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| Tickfaw River Area | The Tickfaw River (from MS/LA state line to Lake Maurepas), the Blood River, Natalbany River, Lizard Creek, and Ponchatoula Creek | Saint Helena, Tangipahoa, and Livingston | Limit bigmouth buffalo, bowfin (choupique, grinnel), flathead catfish, freshwater drum (gaspergou), largemouth bass and white crappie to no more than 1 meal per month combined from the advisory area; OR limit consumption of any other species from the advisory area to no more than 2 meals per month. | Limit freshwater drum (gaspergou) and largemouth to no more than 3 meals per month combined from the advisory area. | 7/08/02; 5/29/03; 7/29/2021 |
| Toledo Bend Reservoir | The entire reservoir | Desoto, Sabine | No consumption of bowfin (choupique, grinnel). Limit consumption of largemouth bass and freshwater drum (gaspergou) consumption to no more than 1 meal per month combined. | Limit bowfin (choupique, grinnel) consumption to no more than 2 meals per month combined; Limit largemouth bass and freshwater drum (gaspergou) consumption to no more than 4 meals per month combined. | 7/19/01; 5/29/03 |
| Two O'Clock Bayou | From Louisiana Highway 190 in St. Landry Parish to Craft Lake, includes Cowan Bay, Close Lake, and Craft Lake | St. Landry | Limit bowfin (choupique, grinnel) and largemouth bass consumption to no more than 2 meals per month combined. | No advisory | 7/25/2018 |

Note: A meal is considered to be ½ pound in size. Louisiana fish consumption advisories are based on the estimate that the average Louisiana resident eats 4 fish meals per month (1 meal = 1/2 pound). If you or your family members eat more than 4 meals of fish a month from local water bodies, you might increase your health risks. You can contact the Office of Public Health toll free at 1-888-293-7020 for more information about eating fish that contain chemicals.