

Maryland Fish Consumption Advisories for Recreationally Caught Fish in Patapsco River/Baltimore Harbor, Baltimore City, MD

Guidelines for Recreationally Caught Fish Species in Maryland Fresh, Estuarine, and Marine Waters

Recommended Meal Size: 8 oz or 9 crabs - General Population and Women; 3 oz or 4 crabs - Children

Note: Consumption recommendations based on spacing of meals to avoid elevated exposure levels

1 **Women** = women of childbearing age (women who are pregnant or may become pregnant, or are nursing)

2 **Children** = all young children up to age 6

♥ = Fish contains more than 1g beneficial fatty acids in a fillet the size of 2 decks of cards

✘ = Fish where all dark meat and/or Belly Fat has been removed

Contaminant present in fish: * Mercury Δ PCBs + Pesticides ◇ PFOS

Species	Waterbody	Recommended Meals/Month		
		General Population	Women ¹	Children ²
American Eel	Patapsco River/Baltimore Harbor Δ	Avoid	Avoid	Avoid
Blue Crab	Back River, Middle River or Patapsco River including Baltimore Harbor Δ	6	6	5
Blue Crab "Mustard"	Back River, Middle River or Patapsco River including Baltimore Harbor Δ	Avoid	Avoid	Avoid
Brown Bullhead	Patapsco River/Baltimore Harbor Δ	1 every other month	1 every other month	1 every other month
Channel Catfish	Patapsco River/Baltimore Harbor Δ	1 every other month	1 every other month	1 every other month
	Patapsco: S. Hanover Bridge to Annapolis Rd Δ	1 every other month	1 every other month	1 every other month
Large and Smallmouth Bass ♥	Patapsco River/Baltimore Harbor Δ	3	3	2
	Patapsco: S. Hanover Bridge to Annapolis Rd ◇	2	2	1
Rock Bass ♥	Patapsco River/Baltimore Harbor ◇	2	2	1
Spot ♥	Patapsco River/Baltimore Harbor ◇	4	4	2
Striped Bass (Rockfish) ♥	Patapsco River - Middle Branch < 28" Δ	2	2	1
	Patapsco River - Middle Branch > 28" Δ	1	1	1 every other month
	Patapsco: S. Hanover Bridge to Annapolis Rd ◇	No Limit	No Limit	5
Sunfish (including Bluegill)	Patapsco River/Baltimore Harbor Δ	6	5	3
White Catfish	Patapsco River/Baltimore Harbor Δ	Avoid	Avoid	Avoid
White Perch	Patapsco River/Baltimore Harbor Δ	6	5	3
	Patapsco: S. Hanover Bridge to Annapolis Rd ◇	4	4	2
Yellow Perch	Patapsco: S. Hanover Bridge to Annapolis Rd ◇	8	7	4