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Less Chemical Asked In Fish

WASHINGTON (UPI) — Two environmental groups have asked the Food and Drug Administration to reduce the amount of a widely used industrial chemical allowed in fresh water fish and, eventually, to ban its presence in all foods.

The Environmental Defense Fund and the Natural Resources Defense Council said Monday recent disclosures that fish from the Hudson River and Lake Michigan are highly contaminated by polychlorinated biphenyls make prompt action necessary.

The FDA said it is studying "all available information" on the question, including the economic impact on the fishing industry, and will decide whether it needs to change its current rules governing PCB in fish.

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