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MICHIGAN --Statistically significant decreases in polychlorinated biphenyl levels in Lake Michigan coho salmon have been shown for the first time since monitoring began five years ago, Department of Natural Resources has announced. PCB levels in adult salmon taken last fall from east-central Lake Michigan registered at 9.21 parts per million, compared to 10.77 ppm measured in a similar catch from the same area in 1975. The survey, conducted by the Fish and Wildlife Service's Great Lakes Fish Laboratory, also reported PCB-level declines in Lake Michigan chubs and lake trout, but not in statistically significant amounts. DNR cited voluntary PCB sales restrictions from Monsanto, Inc., in 1971, for reducing the amounts of PCBs in the state's waters. //