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Two Local Lakes Have Contaminated Fish Says FDA

Two local lakes are among 17 in southern Illinois which have been found to contain harmful chemicals by the Food and Drug Administration.

The FDA says fish being caught in the 16 private lakes and one public lake are not fit to eat.

Weder's Camp 'n Fish of rural Grantfork and Mick's Lake in rural Highland were among the privately owned lakes listed in the report.

Clyde Weder of Weder's Camp 'n Fish said one shipment of carp from Lake Erie was contaminated. These fish are all located in Pond No. 1 and he is in the process of destroying them.

Weder said he was phasing out carp from his ponds anyway.

Large carp being caught from these lakes contain 10 to 15 times more PCB's (polychlorinated byphenyls) than the five parts per million allowed by the FDA, the report said. Accumulation of PCB's in the human body represents a potential health threat.

Other lakes listed in the report include Fishermen's Paradise Lake, Bethalto; Spring Lakes, Millstadt; Johnny's Fishing Lake, Granite City; Barth's Lake, Bunker Hill; Sandy's Lake, Granite City; Pleasure Acres, Springfield; Grigiski's Lake, Riverton; Paradise Lake, Assumption; Dixon Fisheries, East Peoria; Cedar Lakes, Coatsburg; Woody's Campground, Mendon; Pine Lakes, Pittsfield; Wagon Wheel Acres, Springfield; and Tyrell Gravel Co., Sycamore.

Tony Dimmic of Collinsville, owner of Mick's Lake, was unavailable for comment.

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