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1800 Chemical Hearings Set

The state Natural Resources Board has decided to hold hearings on approaches to controlling pollution of streams by PCBs, or polychlorinated biphenyls.

The chemicals are used by pulp paper plants and other industries, and government agencies have reported dangerous PCB accumulations in fish which find their way to the dinner table.

The United States Food and Drug Administration has banned the sale of carp from the Mississippi River's Lake Pappin.

The Wisconsin Dept. of Natural Resources (DNR) said it has found dangerous amounts of the chemical in the Wisconsin River near Portage, in the industrialized Fox River and in Lake Michigan.

The hearings, whose dates were not set immediately, will concern two proposed regulations.

One would prohibit the discharge into a stream of any effluent containing PCBs.

The other would establish limits on the amount of chemical which could be legally discharged.