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Poisons In Lakes

The Great Lakes Commission passed a resolution which urged "early enactment and implementation" of an act before

Congress on testing and control of toxic substances. *WISCONSIN*

While it was reported at the meeting that "good progress" has been made in the past five years in curbing mercury and DDT insecticide, polychlorinated biphenyls (PCB's) levels remain high and are interfering with the reproduction of northern pike and lake trout, among other things.

PCB's are found in hydraulic fluids, fire retardants, cosmetics and a wide variety of manufactured products. "Many fish have been found to have amounts exceeding the five parts per million tolerance level standard," it was reported.

The commission has recommended that there be a nationwide ban on PCB's because good substitutes are available, but to date there has been no federal action and Michigan and Wisconsin are considering independent action, as in the case of mercury.

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