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High Chemical Levels In Fish

MADISON, Wis. (UPI) — Consumption of Lake Michigan trout and salmon over 24 inches long should be limited because of the presence of the industrial chemical PCB, the state department of Natural Resources recommended Friday.

The DNR said it was told by the state Division of Health that sports fishermen should be warned against eating more than one meal a week of such fish. Pregnant women and children should limit their consumption to one avrage size serving of the fish per week.

The DNR said the warning also covered fish taken from the upper Mississippi River between Prescott and lower Lake Pepin and the Fox River from Portage north to the Marquette County line.

The public health action level set by the federal Food and Drug Administration is five parts per million of PCB in interstate commerce. Some of the larger fish in the waters named contain more than that.

PCB or polychlorinated biphenyls collects in fats of fish and animals and may enter the air through vaporizing or burning.

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