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PCB Level Brings Fish-Eating Warning

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The Dept. of Natural Resources (DNR) Friday suggested limiting consumption of large fish taken from Lake Michigan and portions of the upper Mississippi and Fox Rivers because of large quantities of the industrial chemical PCB.

The DNR, on advice from the Division of Health, said consumption of trout and salmon over 24 inches from Lake Michigan be limited. The warning also applied to fish from the Mississippi between Prescott and lower Lake Pepin and the Fox River from Portage north to the Marquette County line.

The United States Food and Drug Administration has set a public health action level of five parts per million of PCB in interstate commerce.

The DNR, which said some larger fish from the specified waters contain more PCB than that, recommended that sports fishermen be warned from eating more than one meal a week of such fish and that children and pregnant women limit their intake to one average size serving of such fish per week.

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