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Striped Bass Viewed Safe

Striped bass taken in Long Island Sound can be eaten with safety, according to Dr. Douglas S. Lloyd, State Commissioner of Health.

According to David Wiggin, Director of the Environmental Health Division of the State Department of Health, laboratory results of tests for polychlorinated biphenyl (PCB) indicated that in 10 of 12 samples results were well within safe limits. The two high samples were only slightly above the recommended limits.

The PCB content in striped bass received special attention of public health officials since it was reported in the Hudson River last fall and New York officials banned striped bass caught in that river. Connecticut officials and fish biologists are concerned because striped bass found in Long Island Sound, especially in the Western half spawn in the Hudson River.

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