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### NFI calls for ban on polychlorinated biphenyls

The National Fisheries Institute (NFI) has called for an immediate ban on "further sale, production, importation, or recycling of polychlorinated biphenyls," a family of industrial chemicals commonly known as PCBs.

This is necessary, according to the NFI, because the danger to the nation's food supply and fishing industry from the PCBs is "too great to ignore."

NFI executive director Lee J. Weddig, although saying the present damage to the overall fishing industry is small, has outlined a program to eliminate PCBs from the environment. He calls for a ban on PCB production, a nationwide system to dispose of existing chemicals, and passage of laws to control other chemical pollution.

Weddig also asks that the current FDA tolerance level of 5 ppm of PCB in fish be retained and that compensation be provided for those commercial fishermen whose livelihoods are destroyed because they can't sell fish containing more PCB than allowed by FDA standards. //