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Lake Michigan Fish Have High Levels of PCB's

The Department of Natural Resources (DNR), upon advice of the Wisconsin Division of Health, suggests that people limit their consumption of large trout and salmon from Lake Michigan, and other fish from the Upper Mississippi River, and the Fox river near Portage.

Fish in these waters contain more than the U.S. Food and Drug Administration's acceptable level of PCB's (Polychlorinated Biphenyls).

The FDA has set the public health action level for market fish at 5 parts per million (ppm) of PCB's.

Fish from the following waters have been found to exceed these levels:

1. Lake Michigan and Green Bay trout and salmon, including lake trout, coho salmon, chinook salmon, and brown trout, over 24 inches in length.
2. Many fish in the Mississippi river between Prescott and Lower Lake Pepin.
3. Many fish in the Fox river from Portage north to the Columbia county line.

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