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Ton of contaminated fish in 2 more park lakes killed

Missouri Department of Conservation personnel have killed more than a ton of fish in two more lakes in St. Louis parks, removing them to be destroyed.

Herbert S. Schwartz, metropolitan coordinator for the department, said investigation by fisheries biologists determined that the fish contained levels of polychlorinated biphenyl (PCB), a DDT-like poison, that made them unsafe for human consumption.

THE FISH IN THE two lakes—Jefferson Lake, at Faulkner drive and Clayton avenue in Forest Park, and the Benton Park lake, at Arsenal street and Jefferson avenue—were found to be poisoned early Tuesday morning. They lakes will be restocked in about two weeks.

Five other St. Louis park lakes were found to contain contaminated fish, which were removed early in August. Those lakes have already been partially restocked and will receive further stock as fish become available from commercial hatcheries, Schwartz said.

He said the contaminated fish were obtained from a hatchery near Green Bay, Wis., which apparently drew water from the Fox River. The river is polluted with industrial wastes.

The fish are being stocked as part of an Urban Fishing Program, a joint Department of Conservation-St. Louis Park Department effort to introduce recreational fishing to city parks.

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