

Freshwater Fish Consumption Advisory List

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WATER BODY	TOWN(s)	FISH ADVISORY*	HAZARD*
Aaron River Reservoir	Cohasset, Hingham, Scituate	P1 (all species), P2 (CP, YP), P4	Mercury
Alewife Brook	Arlington, Belmont, Cambridge, Somerville	P1 (C), P3 (C)	PCBs
Ames Pond	Tewksbury	P1 (LMB), P3 (LMB)	Mercury
Ashland Reservoir	Ashland	P1 (all species), P5	Mercury
Ashfield Pond	Ashfield	P1 (LMB), P3 (LMB)	Mercury
Ashumet Pond	Mashpee, Falmouth	P1 (LMB), P3 (LMB)	Mercury
Attitash, Lake	Amesbury, Merrimac	P1 (all species), P2 (LMB), P4	Mercury
Baker Pond	Brewster, Orleans	P1 (YP), P3 (YP)	Mercury
Baldpate Pond	Boxford	P1 (all species), P2 (LMB), P4	Mercury
Ballardvale Impoundment of Shawsheen River	Andover	P1 (LMB & BC), P3 (LMB & BC)	Mercury
Bare Hill Pond	Harvard	P1 (LMB), P3 (LMB)	Mercury
Bearse Pond	Barnstable	P1 (LMB, SMB), P3 (LMB, SMB)	Mercury
Beaver Pond	Bellingham, Milford	P1 (CP, LMB), P3 (CP, LMB)	Mercury
Big Pond	Otis	P1 (all species), P2 (LMB), P4	Mercury
Boon, Lake	Hudson, Stow	P1 (LMB & BC), P3 (LMB & BC)	Mercury
Box Pond	Bellingham, Mendon	P1 (WS), P2 (WS)	DDT
Bracket Reservoir (Framingham Reservoir #2) – See Sudbury River			
Browning Pond	Oakham, Spencer	P1 (LMB, YP), P3 (LMB, YP)	Mercury
Buckley Dunton Lake	Becket	P1 (LMB), P3 (LMB)	Mercury
Buffomville Lake	Charlton, Oxford	P1 (all species), P5	Mercury
Burr's Pond	Seekonk	P1 (LMB), P3 (LMB)	Mercury
Cabot Pond – See Rumford River			
Canton River (between the Neponset River and Neponset Street dam)	Canton	P1 (all species), P2 (AE, WS), P4	PCBs, DDT
Cedar Swamp Pond	Milford	P1 (all species), P5	Mercury
Chadwicks Pond	Boxford, Haverhill	P6	Mercury
Charles River (between the South Natick Dam in Natick and the Museum of Science Dam in Boston/ Cambridge)	Boston, Cambridge, Dedham, Dover, Natick, Needham, Newton, Watertown, Wellesley, Weston, Waltham	P1 (C, LMB), P2 (C), P3 (LMB)	PCBs, Pesticides
Charles River (between the Medway Dam in Franklin and Medway and the South Natick Dam in Natick)	Dover, Franklin, Medfield, Medway, Millis, Natick, Norfolk, Sherborn	P1 (all species), P5	Mercury, Chlordane, DDT
Chebacco Lake	Essex, Hamilton	P1 (LMB), P3 (LMB)	Mercury
Clay Pit Pond	Belmont	P6	Chlordane
Cochato River, Ice Pond and Sylvan Lake	Randolph, Holbrook, Braintree	P1 (all species), P2 (BB & C & AE), P4	Pesticides
Cochichewick, Lake	North Andover	P1 (LMB, SMB), P3 (LMB, SMB)	Mercury
Cochituate, Lake (including Middle, North, South, and Carling Basins)	Framingham, Natick, Wayland	P1 (all species), P2 (AE)	PCBs
Concord River (from confluence with Sudbury and Assabet Rivers to the Faulkner Dam in Billerica)	Concord, Carlisle, Bedford, Billerica	P1 (all species), P2 (LMB), P4	Mercury
Connecticut River	Entire length of Massachusetts, including all towns from Northfield through Longmeadow	P1 (all species), P2 (CC & WC & AE & YP)	PCBs
Copicut Reservoir	Dartmouth, Fall River	P6	Mercury

* See page 6 for codes.

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Copicut River	Dartmouth, Fall River	P1 (all species), P2 (AE), P3 (LMB)	PCBs, Mercury
Cornell Pond	Dartmouth	P1 (all species), P2 (AE), P3 (LMB)	PCBs, Mercury
Crystal Lake	Haverhill	P1 (all species), P2 (LMB), P4	Mercury
Dennison, Lake	Winchendon	P1 (LMB), P3 (LMB)	Mercury
Dodgeville Pond - See Mechanics Pond			
Drinkwater River/ Indian Head River/North River (Between the Forge Pond Dam in Hanover and Route 3 in Norwell/ Pembroke) and Factory Pond	Hanson, Hanover, Norwell, Pembroke	P6	Mercury
Duck Pond	Wellfleet	P6	Mercury
Dyer Pond	Wellfleet	P6	Mercury
East Brimfield Reservoir	Brimfield, Sturbridge	P1 (all species), P5	Mercury
East Monponsett Pond	Halifax	P1 (LMB), P3 (LMB)	Mercury
Echo Lake	Hopkinton, Milford	P1 (all species), P2 (LMB), P4	Mercury
Factory Pond - See Drinkwater River			
Flax Pond	Lynn	P1 (AE, WP), P2 (AE)	DDT, Chlordane
Flint Pond	Tyngsborough	P1 (all species), P2 (LMB), P4	Mercury
Forest Lake	Methuen	P1 (LMB), P3 (LMB)	Mercury
Forge Pond	Littleton, Westford	P1 (LMB), P3 (LMB)	Mercury
Fort Meadow Reservoir	Hudson, Marlborough	P1 (WS), P3 (WS)	Chlordane
Foster Pond	Swampscott	P1 (AE), P2 (AE)	DDT
Fosters Pond	Andover, Wilmington	P1 (all species), P5	Mercury
Freeman Lake – See Newfield Pond			
French River (Between the Hodges Village Dam in Oxford and the North Webster Village Pond Dam in Webster)	Oxford, Webster	P1 (all species), P2 (LMB), P4	Mercury
Fulton Pond - See Rumford River			
Gales Pond	Warwick	P1 (YP), P3 (YP)	Mercury
Garfield, Lake	Monterey	P1 (LMB), P3 (LMB)	Mercury
Gibbs Pond	Nantucket	P1 (all species), P5	Mercury
Goodrich Pond	Pittsfield	P6	PCBs
Great Herring Pond	Bourne, Plymouth	P1 (SMB), P3 (SMB)	Mercury
Great Pond	Truro	P1 (all species), P5	Mercury
Great Pond	Wellfleet	P6	Mercury
Great South Pond	Plymouth	P1 (all species), P5	Mercury
Grove Pond	Ft. Devens, Ayer	P6	Mercury
Haggetts Pond	Andover	P1 (all species), P2 (LMB), P4	Mercury
Hamblin Pond	Barnstable	P1 (SMB), P3 (SMB)	Mercury
Heard Pond	Wayland	P6	Mercury
Hickory Hills Lake	Lunenburg	P1 (all species), P5	Mercury
Hocomonco Pond	Westborough	P6	PAHs
Holland Pond	Brimfield, Holland, Sturbridge	P1 (all species), P5	Mercury
Hood (or Hoods) Pond	Topsfield, Ipswich	P1 (all species), P2 (LMB, YP), P4	Mercury
Hoosic River (from the channelized section in North Adams to the MA/VT state line)	N. Adams, Williamstown	P6	PCBs
Horn Pond	Woburn	P1 (LMB), P3 (LMB)	DDT
Horseleech Pond	Truro	P1 (LMB), P3 (LMB)	Mercury
Hovey's Pond	Boxford	P1 (all species), P5	Mercury
Housatonic River (See footnote 1)	All towns from Dalton through Sheffield	P6 (also includes frogs and turtles)	PCBs
Ice Pond – See Cochato River			
Indian Head River – See Drinkwater River			

1 Fish taken from feeder streams to the Housatonic River should be trimmed of fatty tissue prior to cooking.

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Ipswich River (between the Bostik Findley Dam in Middleton and the Sylvania Dam in Ipswich)	Boxford, Danvers, Hamilton, Ipswich, Middleton, Peabody, Topsfield, Wenham	P1 (all species), P5	Mercury
Johns Pond	Mashpee	P1 (all species), P2 (SMB), P4	Mercury
Johnsons Pond	Groveland, Boxford	P1 (LMB), P3 (LMB)	Mercury
Kenoza Lake	Haverhill	P6	Mercury
Kingman Pond – See Rumford River			
Knops Pond	Groton	P1 (LMB), P3 (LMB)	Mercury
Konkapot River (From the Mill River Dam in New Marlborough to its confluence with the Housatonic River)	Sheffield, New Marlborough	P1 (all species), P5	Mercury
Lakes whose names begin with “Lake” are listed under the second word in their name (so that Lake Pentucket is listed under “Pentucket,” etc.)			
Lashaway, Lake	North Brookfield, East Brookfield	P1 (LMB, SMB), P3 (LMB, SMB)	Mercury
Lawrence Pond	Sandwich	P1 (LMB), P3 (LMB)	Mercury
Leverett Pond	Boston, Brookline	P1 (C), P2 (C)	DDT
Lewin Brook Pond	Swansea	P1 (BC, LMB), P3 (BC, LMB)	Mercury
Locust Pond	Tyngsborough	P1 (all species), P5	Mercury
Long Pond	Brimfield, Sturbridge	P1 (all species), P5	Mercury
Long Pond	Dracut, Tyngsboro	P1 (all species), P5	Mercury
Long Pond	Wellfleet	P6	Mercury
Long Pond (Rochester) – See Snipituit Pond			
Lost Lake	Groton	P1 (LMB), P3 (LMB)	Mercury
Lowe Pond	Boxford	P1 (all species), P2 (LMB), P4	Mercury
Lowell Canals (see footnote 2)	Lowell	P1 (all species), P2 (AE), P4	Mercury, Lead, PCBs, DDT
Lower Mystic Lake	Arlington, Medford	P1 (WS), P2 (WS)	PCBs, DDT
Malden River	Everett, Malden, Medford	P6	PCBs, Chlordane, DDT
Manchaug Pond	Douglas, Sutton	P1 (LMB), P3 (LMB)	Mercury
Martins Pond	North Reading	P1 (LMB & BC & YP), P3 (LMB & BC & YP)	Mercury
Mashpee Pond	Mashpee, Sandwich	P1 (SMB), P3 (SMB)	Mercury
Massapoag Lake	Sharon	P1 (LMB), P3 (LMB)	Mercury
Massapoag Pond	Dunstable, Groton, Tyngsboro	P1 (all species), P5	Mercury
Mechanics Pond, Dodgeville Pond, and the section of the Ten Mile River that connects them	Attleboro	P1 (WP), P3 (WP)	Chlordane
Merrimack River (from the MA/NH state line to Broadway Dam in Lawrence)	All towns from Tyngsborough through Lawrence	P1 (WS & LMB), P3 (WS & LMB)	Mercury
Miacomet Pond	Nantucket	P1 (all species), P2 (WP), P4	Mercury
Mill Pond	Burlington	P1 (LMB), P3 (LMB)	Mercury
Mill Pond (SuAsCo Reservoir) above GH Nichols Dam	Westborough	P1 (all species), P2 (LMB)	Mercury
Mill River	Hopedale	P1 (all species), P5	PCBs
Millers River and its tributaries (between the confluence with the Otter River in Winchendon and the Connecticut River in Erving/Montague)	Athol, Erving, Montague, Orange, Phillipston, Royalston, Wendell, Winchendon	P1 (all species), P2 (AE, BT), P4	PCBs
Millvale Reservoir	Haverhill	P1 (all species), P2 (LMB)	Mercury
Mirror Lake	Ft. Devens, Harvard	P1 (LMB), P3 (LMB)	Mercury
Monomonac, Lake and the North branch of Millers River (Between the outlet of Lake Monomonac and the inlet of Whitney Pond)	Winchendon	P1 (all species), P5	Mercury
Moore's Pond	Warwick	P1 (AE, CP), P3 (AE, CP)	Mercury

2 For Lowell Canals, the public is advised to consume only the fillet of those species not specifically listed in the advisory.

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Morewood Lake	Pittsfield	P6	PCBs
Mother Brook (between Charles River and Knight Street Dam)	Dedham, Boston	P1 (C, LMB, WS), P3 (C, LMB, WS)	Mercury, DDT
Mother Brook (between the Knight Street Dam and the Neponset River)	Boston	P1 (all species), P2 (AE, WS), P4	PCBs, DDT
Muddy River	Boston, Brookline	P1 (all species), P2 (BB & C & AE), P4	PCBs
Mystic River (between outlet of Lower Mystic Lake and Amelia Earhart Dam)	Arlington, Everett, Medford, Somerville	P6	PCBs, Chlordane, DDT
Nabnasset Pond	Westford	P1 (LMB), P3 (LMB)	Mercury
Neponset River (between the Hollingsworth & Vose Dam in Walpole and the Walter Baker Dam in Boston)	Boston, Canton, Dedham, Milton, Norwood, Sharon, Walpole, Westwood	P1 (all species), P2 (AE, WS), P4	PCBs, DDT
New Bedford Reservoir	Acushnet	P1 (AE, LMB), P3 (AE, LMB)	Mercury, DDT
Newfield Pond (= Freeman Lake)	Chelmsford	P1 (LMB), P3 (LMB)	Mercury
Nippenicket, Lake	Bridgewater, Raynham	P1 (all species), P2 (LMB), P4	Mercury
Noquochoke Lake	Dartmouth	P1 (all species), P2 (LMB & AE), P4	Mercury, PCBs
North River – see Drinkwater River			
Norton Reservoir – See Rumford River			
Nutting Lake	Billerica	P1 (all species), P5	Mercury
Otis Reservoir	Otis, Tolland	P1 (all species), P5	Mercury
Otter River (between the Seaman Paper Dam in Templeton and the confluence with the Millers River in Winchendon)	Templeton, Winchendon	P1 (all species), P2 (BB & WS), P4	PCBs
Pelham Lake	Rowe	P1 (LMB), P3 (LMB)	Mercury
Pentucket Pond	Georgetown	P1 (all species), P2 (LMB & BC), P4	Mercury
Pentucket, Lake	Haverhill	P6	Mercury
Pepperell Pond	Pepperell, Groton	P1 (all species), P2 (LMB), P4	Mercury
Peters Pond	Sandwich	P1 (all species), P5	Mercury
Pettee Pond	Walpole, Westwood	P1 (LMB), P3 (LMB)	Mercury
Plainfield Pond	Plainfield	P1 (LMB), P3 (LMB)	Mercury
Pleasant Pond	Hamilton, Wenham	P1 (LMB), P3 (LMB)	Mercury
Plowshop Pond	Ft. Devens, Ayer	P6	Mercury
Pomps Pond	Andover	P1 (all species), P2 (LMB), P4	Mercury
Ponkapoag Pond	Canton	P1 (CP, LMB), P3 (CP, LMB)	Mercury
Pontoosuc Lake	Pittsfield, Lanesborough	P1 (LMB), P3 (LMB)	Mercury
Populatic Pond	Franklin, Medway, Norfolk	P1 (all species), P5	Mercury, Chlordane, DDT
Powder Mill Pond	Barre	P1 (all species), P5	Mercury
Puffer Pond	Ft. Devens Sudbury Training Annex, Maynard	P6	Mercury
Quabbin & Wachusett Reservoirs (See footnote 3)	New Salem, Shutesbury, Petersham, Hardwick, Ware, Pelham, Belchertown, Boylston, West Boylston, Sterling, Clinton	See footnote 3	Mercury
Quaboag Pond	E. Brookfield, Brookfield	P1 (all species), P2 (LMB), P4	Mercury
Quannapowitt, Lake	Wakefield	P1 (C), P3 (C)	DDT

3 Children younger than 12 years, pregnant women, and nursing women should not consume fish except for lake trout less than 24 inches long and salmon. All other people should not eat smallmouth bass, largemouth bass, or lake trout greater than 24 inches long; may eat unlimited amounts of salmon and lake trout less than 24 inches long; and should limit consumption of all other Quabbin and Wachusett Reservoir fish species to one five-ounce meal per week.

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Quinebaug River (from dam at Hamilton Reservoir through East Brimfield Reservoir/Long Pond, including Holland Pond)	Brimfield, Holland, Sturbridge	P1 (all species), P5	Mercury
Red Bridge Pond	Wilbraham	P1 (BC, LMB), P3 (BC, LMB)	Mercury
Reservoir Pond	Canton	P1 (LMB, WP), P3 (LMB, WP)	Mercury
Rice City Pond	Northbridge, Uxbridge	P1 (all species), P2 (C, WS), P4	PCBs, DDT
Riverdale Pond	Northbridge	P1 (all species), P5	PCBs
Rock Pond	Georgetown	P1 (all species), P2 (LMB), P4	Mercury
Rohunata, Lake (Middle, North, and South Basins)	Orange, Athol, New Salem	P1 (all species), P5	Mercury
Rolling Dam Impoundment	Blackstone	P1 (all species), P2 (C, WS), P4	PCBs, DDT
Round Pond East	Truro	P1 (all species), P2 (LMB), P4	Mercury
Round Pond West	Truro	P1 (YP), P3 (YP)	Mercury
Rumford River (from Glue Factory Pond Dam; Fulton, Kingman, & Cabot ponds; Norton reservoir)	Foxborough, Mansfield, Norton	P6	Dioxin, Pesticides
Ryder Pond	Truro	P6	Mercury
Saltonstall, Lake	Haverhill	P1 (LMB), P3 (LMB)	Mercury
Sampsons Pond	Carver	P1 (BB, WP), P3 (BB, WP)	Mercury, DDT
Sawdy Pond	Fall River, Westport	P1 (LMB), P3 (LMB)	Mercury
Shawsheen River - See Ballardvale Impoundment			
Sheep Pond	Brewster	P1 (all species), P5	Mercury
Sherman Reservoir	Rowe, Monroe	P1 (all species), P2 (YP), P4	Mercury
Shirley Lake	Lunenburg	P1 (all species), P5	Mercury
Silver Lake	Wilmington	P1 (LMB, YB), P3 (LMB, YB)	Mercury, DDT
Slough Pond	Truro	P1 (all species), P2 (LMB), P4	Mercury
Snake Pond	Sandwich	P1 (all species), P2 (SMB), P4	Mercury
Snipituit Pond and Long Pond	Rochester	P1 (BC & LMB), P3 (BC & LMB)	Mercury
Snow Pond	Truro	P1 (LMB), P3 (LMB)	Mercury
South Pond (= Quacumquasit Pond)	Sturbridge, Brookfield, E. Brookfield	P1 (all species), P5	Mercury
Spectacle Pond	Sandwich	P1 (all species), P5	Mercury
Spectacle Pond	Wellfleet	P1 (YP), P3 (YP)	Mercury
Spy Pond	Arlington	P1 (C), P2 (C)	DDT, Chlordane
Stern Reservoir (Framingham Reservoir #1) – See Sudbury River			
Stevens Pond	North Andover	P1 (LMB), P3 (LMB)	Mercury
Stockbridge Bowl	Stockbridge	P1 (LMB), P3 (LMB)	Mercury
Sudbury Reservoir	Marlborough, Southborough	P1 (all species), P2 (Bass)	Mercury
Sudbury River (from Ashland to its confluence with the Assabet and Concord Rivers), Stern Reservoir, and Bracket Reservoir	All towns from Ashland through Concord	P6	Mercury
Sylvan Lake – See Cochato River			
Ten Mile River – see Mechanics Pond			
Texas Pond (= Thayer Pond)	Oxford	P1 (LMB), P3 (LMB)	Mercury
Thayer Pond – see Texas Pond			
Tom Nevers Pond	Nantucket	P1 (all species), P5	Mercury
Turner Pond	Dartmouth, New Bedford	P1 (all species), P5	Mercury
Upper Naukeag Lake	Ashburnham	P1 (all species), P2 (LMB, SMB), P4	Mercury
Upper Reservoir	Westminster	P1 (all species), P2 (LMB), P4	Mercury
Wachusett Reservoir – See Quabbin Reservoir			
Waite Pond	Leicester	P1 (all species), P2 (CP), P4	Mercury
Wakeby Pond	Mashpee, Sandwich	P1 (SMB), P3 (SMB)	Mercury
Walden Pond	Concord	P1 (LMB & SMB), P3 (LMB & SMB)	Mercury
Wampanoag, Lake	Ashburnham, Gardner	P1(all species), P5	Mercury
Warner's Pond	Concord	P1 (LMB), P3 (LMB)	Mercury
Wenham Lake	Beverly, Wenham	P1 (all species), P2 (AE, LMB), P4	Mercury, DDT

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Wequaquet Lake	Barnstable	P1 (LMB, SMB), P3 (LMB, SMB)	Mercury
West Monponsett Pond	Halifax, Hanson	P1 (LMB), P3 (LMB)	Mercury
Whitehall Reservoir	Hopkinton	P1 (all species), P2 (YB), P4	Mercury
Whitings Pond	North Attleborough, Plainville	P1 (B, LMB), P3 (B, LMB)	Mercury
Whitmans Pond	Weymouth	P1 (AE), P2 (AE)	DDT
Whitney Pond	Winchendon	P1 (all species), P2 (CP), P4	Mercury
Windsor Lake	Windsor	P1 (LMB), P2 (LMB)	Mercury
Willet Pond	Walpole, Norwood, Westwood	P1 (LMB), P3 (LMB)	Mercury
Winthrop, Lake	Holliston	P6	Dioxin

Advice Codes

P1 (all species)	Children younger than 12 years or age, pregnant women, women of childbearing age who may become pregnant, and nursing mothers should not eat any fish from this water body.
P1 (species)	Children younger than 12 years or age, pregnant women, women of childbearing age who may become pregnant, and nursing mothers should not eat any of the affected fish species (in parenthesis) from this water body.
P2 (species)	The general public should not consume any of the affected fish species (in parenthesis) from this water body.
P3 (species)	The general public should limit consumption of affected fish species (in parenthesis) to two meals per month.
P4	The general public should limit consumption of non-affected fish from this water body to two meals per month.
P5	The general public should limit consumption of all fish from this water body to two meals per month.
P6	No one should consume any fish from this water body.

Fish Codes

AE	American Eel	CCS	Creek Chubsucker	SMB	Smallmouth Bass
B	Bluegill	CP	Chain Pickerel	WC	White Catfish
BB	Brown Bullhead	FF	Fallfish	WP	White Perch
BC	Black Crappie	GRS	Green Sunfish	WS	White Sucker
BT	Brown Trout	LMB	Largemouth Bass	YB	Yellow Bullhead
C	Carp	LNS	Longnose Sucker	YP	Yellow Perch
CB	Calico Bass	P	Pumpkinseed		
CC	Channel Catfish	RT	Rainbow Trout		

Hazard Codes

PCB=polychlorinated biphenyls

PAHs=polycyclic aromatic hydrocarbons