












SHENANDOAH RIVER

FISH ADVISORIES

Virginia Shenandoah River Fish Advisories

WATERBODY & AFFECTED BOUNDARIES	CONTAMINANT	SPECIES	ADVISORIES/ RESTRICTIONS
SOUTH FORK SHENANDOAH RIVER <i>(downstream from Rt. 619 bridge crossing near Front Royal to the confluence with North Fork Shenandoah River, North Fork Shenandoah River from mouth of the river upstream to Riverton Dam, and Shenandoah River from the confluence of North and South Forks to VA/WV state line. These river segments comprise approx. 41 miles).</i> Affected Localities: Warren Co., Clarke Co.	PCBs	 Carp	DO NOT EAT
	PCBs	 Channel Catfish	DO NOT EAT
	PCBs	 White Sucker	DO NOT EAT
	PCBs	 Rock Bass	No more than two meals* per month
	PCBs	 Sunfish	
	PCBs	 Smallmouth Bass	
	PCBs	 Largemouth Bass	
LEWIS CREEK <i>(near Rt. 252, south of Staunton downstream approx. 12 miles to the confluence of Middle River near Laurel Hill).</i> Affected Localities: Augusta Co., Staunton City	PCBs	 White Sucker	No more than two meals* per month
	PCBs	 Bluehead Chub	
SOUTH RIVER <i>(from the footbridge at E. I. Dupont Co. in Waynesboro approx. 24 miles to the confluence with the North River at Port Republic).</i> Affected Localities: Waynesboro City, Augusta Co., Rockingham Co.	Mercury	All species except trout	DO NOT EAT Stocked trout have been tested and are safe for consumption.
SOUTH FORK SHENANDOAH RIVER <i>(downstream from Port Republic to the confluence with North Fork Shenandoah River, North Fork Shenandoah River from mouth of the river upstream to Riverton Dam, and Shenandoah River from the confluence of North and South Forks to Warren Power Dam just north of Front Royal. These river segments comprise approx. 105 miles).</i> Affected Localities: Warren Co., Page Co., Rockingham Co., Augusta Co.	Mercury	All species	No more than two meals* per month PCB advisory is more restrictive for carp, channel catfish, and white sucker.

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SHENANDOAH RIVER AND TRIBUTARIES	Mercury	 Smallmouth Bass	No more than one meal* per month
	Mercury and PCBs	 Carp	DO NOT EAT

***A meal is considered to be an eight-ounce (half-pound) serving of fish.**

All information is courtesy of Virginia Department of Health and West Virginia Department of Health and Human Resources.

This fish consumption advisory provides meal recommendations on eating certain fish species caught from specified waterbodies. It is recommended to follow the guidance presented on this advisory to reduce your total exposure to fish contaminants. For further information regarding waterbodies sampled or the fish tissue sampling process, contact the Virginia Department of Environmental Quality. For questions about human health risks from exposure to fish contaminants, contact the Virginia Department of Health's Division of Environmental Epidemiology at 804-864-8182.

This fish consumption advisory is reviewed annually. No changes or updates are required to this advisory based on review of existing data.

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