



## FISH CONSUMPTION ADVISORIES

### What is it?

Fish Consumption Advisories inform anglers and consumers about which fish species from a specific water body are safe to eat, and how often. Advisories have been developed for numerous California lakes, streams, and coastal waters.

New advisories for 2011 include:

- [Donner Lake](#) (Lahontan Region, Nevada & Placer counties)
- [San Francisco Bay & Delta](#) (San Francisco Bay Region, multiple counties)

### Why is it important?

Protecting public health is a major concern of CalEPA and the Water Boards. Fish can be healthy diet choices, but in some areas they may accumulate various contaminants, such as mercury, PCBs, and pesticides. SWAMP collects fish from selected waterbodies and tests them for chemical contaminants. The results are provided to the CalEPA's Office of Environmental Health Hazard Assessment (OEHHA), which develops, publishes, and disseminates [Safe Eating Guidelines](#) for specific water bodies. OEHHA relies heavily on data collected by SWAMP to develop the advisories.

### How will this information be used?

The advisories are posted at [OEHHA's website](#) and also published by the California Department of Fish & Game (CDFG) in its annual [Sport Fishing Regulations](#), where the information is available to anglers and consumers to help them decide which fish species are safe to eat, and which should be avoided.

For more information:

SWAMP [Bioaccumulation website](#)

OEHHA [Fish Advisory website](#)

CDFG [Sport Fishing Regulations](#)