



# **Proceedings of the 2007 National Forum on Contaminants in Fish**

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## Introduction

From July 23–26, 2007, representatives of states, U.S. territories, tribes, federal agencies, and other interested organizations and individuals attended the 2007 National Forum on Contaminants in Fish in Portland, Maine. The U.S. Environmental Protection Agency (U.S. EPA) and the Maine Center for Disease Control and Prevention co-sponsored the Forum.

The 2007 Forum was the ninth National Forum to be held. The first Forum was convened in 1989, and regular Forums have been held every 15 to 18 months since 1995. The location of the Forum has rotated around the country and has included Alexandria, VA (1995,1997,1999), Chicago, IL (2001), Burlington, VT (2002), San Diego, CA (2004), Baltimore, MD (2005), and Portland, ME (2007).

Early Forums were attended by representatives from states and tribes, but as public interest in fish advisories increased, additional groups became involved. Attendees now include local and national environmental groups, fishing industry representatives, fish marketing firms, fish and shellfish aquaculture groups, members of the medical and allied health communities, the national press, and interested private citizens. In addition, representatives from several federal U.S. agencies including the Food and Drug Administration (FDA), the U.S. Geological Survey (USGS), the National Oceanic and Atmospheric Administration (NOAA), and the National Institute for Environmental Health Sciences (NIEHS), as well as representatives from other countries, routinely participate in the Forum.

Forum agendas are developed by steering committees, generally composed of representatives of state, tribal, and federal agencies. The agendas are developed to provide a variety of perspectives and approaches to assessing and communicating public health risks related to fish contamination. The Forums present the latest science and public health policies.

Topics for the 2007 Forum on Contaminants in Fish included:

- Sampling and Analysis Issues
- Biomonitoring
- Risk Assessment/Toxicology
- Health Benefits of Fish Consumption
- Risks and Benefits
- Risk Communication
- PCBs and Dioxins

In addition to the technical presentation sessions, states and tribes met in workshops to discuss issues pertinent to their regions. A poster session was also held to further the exchange of ideas.

This document contains the proceedings of the Forum, including the agenda, abstracts of presentations, and slides used by the presenters. One presentation is not included at the request of the author due to pending publication. This is: Korrick's "Developmental Health Effects of PCBs in and Superfund Community" (PCBs and dioxins session). The appendices include biographical information on the speakers, the attendee list, and abstracts of the posters.

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