

**TEXAS DEPARTMENT OF HEALTH**  
**FISH AND SHELLFISH CONSUMPTION ADVISORY**

**ADV - 11**

This advisory is issued as a result of sampling of fish taken from Caddo Lake. Samples indicate that mercury is in the edible tissue of largemouth bass and freshwater drum.

Mercury is a naturally occurring element that can cause harmful effects to the central nervous system, particularly in young children or infants exposed prenatally.

COUNTIES: Harrison and Marion

AREA: All Texas waters of Caddo Lake.


SPECIES AFFECTED: Largemouth bass and freshwater drum

CONSUMPTION ADVISORY: No consumption of largemouth bass over 18 inches.  
No consumption of freshwater drum.

Children under six and women of childbearing age should limit consumption of largemouth bass under 14 inches to one meal (8 ounces women, 4 ounces children) per month.

This advisory shall remain in effect until rescinded or modified in writing.

Issued this 30th day of January, 1995

  
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Commissioner of Health