

TEXAS DEPARTMENT OF HEALTH

FISH AND SHELLFISH CONSUMPTION ADVISORY

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The Texas Department of Health hereby advises all persons consuming fish and shellfish from the waters of the State of Texas that the fish and shellfish described below taken from the described area should be consumed in quantities no greater than those indicated.

This advisory is issued as a result of dioxin contamination of the described species. Dioxin is a probable human carcinogen, and may also cause other human health effects, particularly liver abnormalities and reproductive effects. Health concerns from dioxin are related to long term, regular consumption of fish and shellfish contaminated with the persistent chemical.

AREA: The Neches River and all contiguous waters south of the U.S. 96 bridge near Evadale to the Interstate 10 bridge near Beaumont.

SPECIES AFFECTED: All species of fish.


CONSUMPTION ADVISORY:

A. No more than one meal, not to exceed eight ounces, each month.

B. Women of child-bearing age and children should not consume any fish from this area.

This advisory shall remain in effect until rescinded or modified in writing.

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Commissioner of Health