

October 2, 2007

Fish Possession Ban Lifted for Lake Como

The Texas Department of State Health Services has lifted a 12-year-old ban on possession of fish from Lake Como in Fort Worth after tests showed that fish from the lake are now safe to eat.

Issued in April 1995 by the Texas Department of Health, the ban was based on tests showing unsafe levels of several chemicals believed to cause cancer and damage the nervous system, liver and other organs.

The ban was prompted by elevated levels of chlordane, polychlorinated biphenyls (PCBs), dichlorodiphenyldichloroethylene (DDE) and dieldrin in fish from the lake.

Bans prohibiting possession of fish from two other Fort Worth lakes, Fosdic and Echo, remain in effect. Those bans also were issued in 1995.

In 2004 the Texas Department of Health became part of the Texas Department of State Health Services.

-30-

(News Media: For more information contact Doug McBride, DSHS Press Officer, 512-458-7524.)