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Fish Consumption Advisory (Mullet) for Escambia Bay Announced

(PENSACOLA) -- The Florida Department of Health (DOH) Escambia and Santa Rosa County Health Departments jointly announce a Fish Consumption Advisory for mullet (*Mugil cephalus*) issued for the Escambia Bay (Upper and Lower) (see map). The advisory recommends that people should **eat no more than one 6-ounce meal (cooked weight) of skinless striped mullet from this area per week** due to increased levels of chemicals known as polychlorinated biphenyls (PCB).

This advisory is issued by DOH after review of mullet PCB levels within the Pensacola Bay system, except for the bayous. DOH has concluded that **unlimited amounts of mullet can be eaten from the following specific locations within the Pensacola Bay system: East Bay, Pensacola Bay and Santa Rosa Sound.**

A previous advisory to limit consumption of striped mullet and largemouth bass from the Escambia River south of SR 184 to the mouth of the river is still in effect: consume no more than one 6-ounce meal of largemouth bass from this area per week, except women of childbearing age and young children who should limit their consumption to one 6-ounce meal of largemouth bass from this area per month.

By following these recommendations, people can continue to enjoy the benefits of eating fish and avoid the risks of this chemical.

To review all current Florida fish consumption advisories, please visit:
<http://doh.state.fl.us/floridafishadvice/>

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