

Metadata for: Guide to Eating Ontario Fish- Advisory Database

This table provides essential information about the program data.

Title	Guide to Eating Ontario Fish- Advisory Database
Alternative Title	Advisory Database, FB Advisory Table, Advisory Table
Description	<p>The Guide to Eating Ontario Fish is a periodic publication of consumption advisories for fish from Ontario's lakes and rivers. Data on levels of contaminants in fish are collected to assess the health implications of consuming fish from Ontario's lakes and rivers. Raw contaminant concentrations are compared to consumption limits based on health protection guidelines. Consumption advisories provide essential human health information to Ontarians and allow them to make informed decisions when consuming fish.</p> <p>The advisory table houses all consumption advisories generated for the publication of the most recent edition of the Guide to Eating Ontario Fish.</p> <p>The advisory table holds consumption advisory values in meals per month of fish. Advisories are as follows:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none">• 32 meals/month• 16 meals/month• 12 meals/month• 8 meals/month• 4 meals/month• 2 meals/month• 1 meal/month• 0 meals/month <p>Advisories are based on power series regressions of contaminant concentrations versus length for a particular year/collection.</p> <p>Advisories are generated for two population types:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none">• General• Sensitive (children under 15 and anyone who is pregnant or may become pregnant) <p>Advisories are produced for 13 size categories, each spanning 5cm intervals, beginning at 15cm (6 in) and progressing to >75cm (>30 in).</p> <p>Each row of the advisory table contains a single advisory (# of meals/month) with associated:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none">• Location (lake, river, creek, etc.)• Fish species• Population type (General/Sensitive)• Length (cm)• Guide Year• Cause of the advisory primarily assigned
Status	Ongoing
Frequency of Updates	Annually
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Keywords	<p>Fish contaminants, Fish consumption, Fish guide, Advisory tables, Consumption advisories, Consumption advice, Ontario Fish Guide, Fish, Guide to Eating Ontario Sportfish, Sportfish Guide, Mercury, PCB, Dioxin, Furan, Metals, PFAS, Environmental monitoring</p>
Tags	<p>Water, Water quality, Contaminants, EMRB</p>
Use Limitations	<p>Advisory data are freely available to members of the public for general information purposes and to communicate safe consumption advice. For research-related projects, we ask for a description of the study. Data source must be properly referenced in publications. We ask to be given an opportunity to review and comment on articles, publications, theses etc. produced based on analyses of the data prior to release of these documents. We ask for copies of these documents in electronic format for our records.</p>
Legal Constraints	<p>Fish advisories contained in the GIS advisory layer constitute public information and are freely available. The contents of the Guide may be reproduced for noncommercial purposes with appropriate attributes.</p> <p>See the Open Government Licence - Ontario</p>
Geographic Bounds	<p>Ontario: province-wide</p> <p>West bound: -95.15699</p> <p>East bound: -74.30798</p> <p>South bound: 41.6723</p> <p>North bound: 56.850117</p>
Supplemental Information	<p>DATA AVAILABILITY:</p> <p>*****INTERACTIVE MAP*****</p> <p>Data are from the current edition of the Guide to Eating Ontario Fish</p> <p>https://www.ontario.ca/page/guide-eating-ontario-fish</p>
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