

Coeur d'Alene Basin Fish Consumption Advisory

Fish can contain metals like mercury which may be harmful to human health when consumed in large amounts. As a result, the Idaho Department of Health and Welfare and the Coeur d'Alene Tribe advise pregnant women, breastfeeding mothers, children, and the general public to eat limited amounts of fish caught in the Coeur d'Alene Basin. This advisory updates information in the [Idaho Fish Consumption Guide and Advisory Map](#) based on fish sampling completed in 2016. Recommended meal size and meals per month for these fish are below:

Coeur d'Alene Lake and Spokane River (above Post Falls Dam)

Species Group	Sample Type	Location	Consumption Advisory (meals per month)		
			General Adult Population (8 oz. meal)	Pregnant Women ^a (8 oz. meal)	Children (4 oz. meal)
Bass^c	Fillet	Northern ^b	4	2	2
		Central	2	2	1
		Southern	3	2	1
Bullhead	Gutted Whole Fish	Northern ^b	20	4	3
		Central	8	2	0
		Southern	33	13	8
	Fillet	Northern ^b	69	24	14
		Central	14	13	7
		Southern	61	15	9
Kokanee	Gutted Whole Fish	Whole Lake ^b	13	11	6
	Fillet		20	10	6
Northern Pike	Fillet	Whole Lake ^b	5	4	2
Panfish^d	Fillet	Whole Lake ^b	11	9	5

a) Pregnant women, those planning to be pregnant, and nursing mothers

b) Northern section of Coeur d'Alene Lake includes the Spokane River above the Post Falls Dam.

c) Bass include largemouth and smallmouth

d) Panfish include bluegill, crappie, perch

Coeur d’Alene River and Chain Lakes

The Coeur d’Alene River advisory includes the length of river from Enaville downstream to Coeur d’Alene Lake. The Chain Lakes advisory includes Thompson Lake, Anderson Lake, Blue Lake, Black Lake, Swan Lake, Cave Lake, Medicine Lake, Killarney Lake, and Bull Run Lake.

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Bass^b	Fillet	Coeur d’Alene River and Chain Lakes	4	2	2
Bullhead	Fillet	Coeur d’Alene River and Chain Lakes	12	11	6
Northern Pike	Fillet	Coeur d’Alene River and Chain Lakes	5	5	2
Panfish^c	Fillet	Coeur d’Alene River and Chain Lakes	7	6	3

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For more information and the full Idaho Fish Consumption Advisory:

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