

# CHOWAN AND DISMAL SWAMP RIVER BASIN



WATERBODY AND AFFECTED BOUNDARIES	AFFECTED LOCALITIES	CONTAMINANT	SPECIES	ADVISORIES/RESTRICTIONS
<b>Meherrin River</b> (from below Emporia Dam downstream ~28 miles to the Rt. 730 bridge).	Greensville Co., Southampton Co.	PCBs, Mercury	Gizzard Shad 	No more than two meals/ month
<b>Blackwater River</b> (from the Virginia-North Carolina state line upstream to its headwaters near Petersburg including all its tributaries. The main stem Blackwater Swamp and Blackwater River segments comprise ~100 miles).	Surry Co., Southampton Co., Isle of Wight Co., Franklin City, Suffolk City, Sussex Co., Prince George Co., Petersburg City	Mercury	Largemouth Bass 	No more than two meals/ month
		Mercury	Sunfish species (all) 	
		Mercury	Bowfin 	
		Mercury	Chain Pickerel 	
		Mercury	White Catfish 	
		Mercury	Redhorse Sucker 	
<b>Great Dismal Swamp Canal</b> (from Deep Creek Locks south to the Virginia-North Carolina state line including Lake Drummond and Feeder Ditch. These river segments comprise ~18 miles).	Chesapeake City, Suffolk City	Mercury	Bowfin 	No more than two meals/ month
		Mercury	Chain Pickerel 	
<b>Nottoway River</b> (from the confluence with Blackwater River at the Virginia-North Carolina state line upstream to State Route 619 near Purdy including its tributary Assamoosick Swamp, Three Creek up to I-95, Rowanty Creek and its tributaries Hatcher Run up to I-85 and Arthur Swamp up to I-85. This main stem Nottoway River segment is ~92 miles).	Dinwiddie Co., Greensville Co., Sussex Co., Southampton Co.	Mercury	Largemouth Bass 	No more than two meals/ month
		Mercury	Smallmouth Bass 	
		Mercury	Bowfin 	
		Mercury	Redhorse Sucker 	
		Mercury	Longnose Gar 	
		Mercury	Channel Catfish 	
		Mercury	Chain Pickerel 	
		Mercury	Sunfish Species (all) 	
<b>Emporia Reservoir</b> (on the Meherrin River) (entire reservoir, ~ 210 acres)	Greensville Co.	Mercury	Largemouth Bass 	No more than two meals/ month
<b>Meherrin River</b> (below Emporia Reservoir Dam to the state line including its tributaries Fontaine Creek up to I-95 bridge crossing and Mill Swamp up to I-95 bridge crossing).	Greensville Co., Southampton Co.	Mercury	Largemouth Bass 	No more than two meals/ month
		Mercury	Bowfin 	

This fish consumption advisory provides meal recommendations on eating certain fish species caught from specified waterbodies. It is recommended to follow the guidance presented on this advisory to reduce your total exposure to fish contaminants. For further information regarding waterbodies sampled or the fish tissue sampling process, contact the [Virginia Department of Environmental Quality](#). For questions about human health risks from exposure to fish contaminants, contact the [Virginia Department of Health's Division of Environmental Epidemiology](#) at 804-864-8182.

This fish consumption advisory is reviewed annually. No changes or updates are required to this advisory based on review of existing data.

\*A meal is considered to be an eight-ounce (half-pound) serving of fish.