

## Virginia Dept. of Health: Fish Consumption Advisory – NF, SF, and Main-stem of Shenandoah River

<https://www.vdh.virginia.gov/environmental-health/public-health-toxicology/fish-consumption-advisory/>

**Fish consumption advisories** help Virginia anglers make educated choices about eating the fish they catch.

While *most* Virginia waters do not have dangerous levels of contaminants, *some* fish in certain waters are found to contain contaminants at levels of concern.

A fish consumption advisory is *not* a prohibition of eating fish, but a *warning* about the contaminants present in a fish species. Each advisory specifies the waterbody or segment of a waterbody affected, the contaminants present, and meal recommendations for eating specific fish species caught there. The meal recommendations presented in the fish advisory tables were developed to protect the general public\* from adverse health effects from exposure to fish contaminants. It is recommended to follow the guidance presented on advisories to reduce your total exposure to fish contaminants.

*\* Women who are pregnant or may become pregnant, nursing mothers, and young children are advised not to eat any fish contaminated either with polychlorinated biphenyls (PCBs) or mercury from the respective advisory areas,*

River Basin	Waterbody	Section	Locality	Contaminants	Fish Species	Advisory Description
Shenandoah River Basin	<b>South Fork Shenandoah River</b>	downstream from Rt. 619 bridge to confluence with North Fork Shenandoah River	Warren Co., Clarke Co.	PCBs	Carp, Channel Catfish, White Sucker	Do not eat
Shenandoah River Basin	<b>North Fork Shenandoah River</b>	from mouth of river upstream to Riverton Dam	Warren Co., Clarke Co.	PCBs	Carp, Channel Catfish, White Sucker	Do not eat
Shenandoah River Basin	<b>Shenandoah River</b>	from confluence of North and South Forks to WV state line	Warren Co., Clarke Co.	PCBs	Carp, Channel Catfish, White Sucker	Do not eat

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Shenandoah River Basin	<b>South Fork Shenandoah River</b>	downstream from Rt. 619 bridge to confluence with North Fork Shenandoah River	Warren Co., Clarke Co.	PCBs	Rock Bass, Sunfish, Smallmouth Bass, Largemouth Bass	≤ 2 meals/month
Shenandoah River Basin	<b>North Fork Shenandoah River</b>	from mouth of river upstream to Riverton Dam	Warren Co., Clarke Co.	PCBs	Rock Bass, Sunfish, Smallmouth Bass, Largemouth Bass	≤ 2 meals/month
Shenandoah River Basin	<b>Shenandoah River</b>	from confluence of North and South Forks to WV state line	Warren Co., Clarke Co.	PCBs	Rock Bass, Sunfish, Smallmouth Bass, Largemouth Bass	≤ 2 meals/month
Shenandoah River Basin	<b>Lewis Creek</b>	from Rt. 252 downstream 12 miles to confluence of Middle River	Augusta Co., Staunton City	PCBs	White Sucker, Bluehead Chub	≤ 2 meals/month
Shenandoah River Basin	<b>South River</b>	from footbridge at E.I. Dupont Co. in Waynesboro 24 miles to confluence with North River at Port Republic	Waynesboro City, August Co., Rockingham Co.	Mercury	All species except trout	Do not eat
Shenandoah River Basin	<b>South Fork Shenandoah</b>	downstream from Port Republic to confluence	Warren Co., Page Co., Rockingham	Mercury	All species	≤ 2 meals/month

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	<b>River</b>	with North Fork Shenandoah River	Co., Augusta Co.			
Shenandoah River Basin	<b>North Fork Shenandoah River</b>	from mouth of river upstream to Riverton Dam	Warren Co., Page Co., Rockingham Co., Augusta Co.	Mercury	All species	≤ 2 meals/month
Shenandoah River Basin	<b>Shenandoah River</b>	from confluence of North and South Forks to Warren Power Dam (north of Front Royal)	Warren Co., Page Co., Rockingham Co., Augusta Co.	Mercury	All species	≤ 2 meals/month