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### **FISH CONSUMPTION ADVISORY FOR COCODRIE LAKE (EVANGELINE & RAPIDES PARISHES)**

In response to recent sampling and analysis of fish-tissue mercury data, the Louisiana Department of Health & Hospitals (DHH), Department of Environmental Quality (DEQ), and Department of Wildlife & Fisheries (DWF) are issuing an advisory for Cocodrie Lake (Evangeline and Rapides Parishes) where unacceptable levels of mercury have been detected in largemouth bass, bigmouth buffalo, bowfin (choupique, grinnel), and black crappie.

DHH, DEQ and DWF advise that the following precautions be taken when eating fish taken from Cocodrie Lake:

- **Women of childbearing age and children less than seven years of age should consume no more than SIX MEALS PER YEAR of bowfin (choupique, grinnel), or no more than ONE MEAL PER MONTH of largemouth bass, black crappie, or bigmouth buffalo combined, from the advisory area. (A meal is considered to be half a pound of fish for adults and children.)**
- **Other adults and children seven years of age and older should consume no more than TWO MEALS PER MONTH of bowfin, or no more than THREE MEALS PER MONTH of largemouth bass or bigmouth buffalo combined, from the advisory area. (A meal is considered to be half a pound of fish for adults and children.)**

