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The following fish consumption advisory was issued on 2/11/2009 by the Department of Health & Hospitals, the Department of Environmental Quality, and the Department of Wildlife & Fisheries. For more information, please contact:

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FISH CONSUMPTION ADVISORY FOR OLD RIVER (NIBLETTS BLUFF)

In response to recent sampling and analysis of fish tissue data, the Louisiana Department of Health & Hospitals (DHH), Department of Environmental Quality (DEQ), and Department of Wildlife & Fisheries (DWF) are issuing the following advisory for Old River (Nibletts Bluff) in Calcasieu Parish, from the headwaters to the confluence with the Sabine River, where unacceptable levels of mercury have been detected in freshwater drum, redear sunfish, spotted bass, largemouth bass, black crappie, and bowfin (choupique, grinnel).

DHH, DEQ and DWF advise that the following precautions be taken when eating fish taken from Old River (Nibletts Bluff):

- **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 TWO MEALS PER MONTH of black crappie or redear sunfish combined, or no more than ONE MEAL PER MONTH of freshwater drum, largemouth bass, or spotted bass combined, from the advisory area. (A meal considered to be half a pound of fish for adults and children.)**
- **Other adults and children seven years of age or older should consume no more than THREE MEALS PER MONTH of freshwater drum, or no more than TWO MEALS PER MONTH of bowfin from the advisory area. (A meal is considered to be half a pound for adults and children.)**

