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## FISH CONSUMPTION ADVISORY FOR SALINE LAKE & SALINE BAYOU

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 Saline Bayou from its' headwaters in Bienville Parish to, and including, Saline Lake in Winn and Natchitoches Parishes, where unacceptable levels of mercury have been detected in black crappie, bowfin (choupique, grinnel), carp, freshwater drum, largemouth bass, longear sunfish, spotted bass, and warmouth.

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

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

