

**TEXAS DEPARTMENT OF HEALTH**  
**FISH AND SHELLFISH CONSUMPTION ADVISORY**

**ADV-12**

This advisory is issued as a result of sampling of fish taken from Toledo Bend Reservoir, Sam Rayburn Reservoir, B.A. Steinhagen Reservoir, Big Cypress Creek and Caddo Lake. Samples indicate that mercury is in the edible tissue of several species of fish.

Mercury is a naturally occurring element that can cause harmful effects to the central nervous system, particularly in young children or infants exposed prenatally.

**COUNTIES:** Toledo Bend Reservoir- Sabine, Shelby, Panola  
B.A. Steinhagen Reservoir- Jasper Co.  
Sam Rayburn Reservoir- Jasper, Angelina,  
Nacogdoches, San Augustine  
Caddo Lake-including Big Cypress Creek- Marion,  
Harrison

**AREAS:** All waters of the B.A. Steinhagen Reservoir, Sam  
Rayburn Reservoir and Big Cypress Creek.  
All Texas waters of Toledo Bend Reservoir and Caddo Lake.

**SPECIES AFFECTED:** Largemouth bass and freshwater drum in the  
above mentioned reservoirs, creek and lake.  
White bass and hybrid white/striped bass taken from B.A.  
Steinhagen Reservoir.


**CONSUMPTION ADVISORY:** The Texas Department of Health advises that people should  
not consume more than two meals (8 ounce portion for  
adults, 4 ounces for children) per month combined of  
largemouth bass and freshwater drum from the following  
lake and reservoirs:

Caddo Lake, including Big Cypress Creek  
Sam Rayburn Reservoir  
B.A. Steinhagen Reservoir  
Toledo Bend Reservoir

The Texas Department of Health advises that people should  
not consume more than 1 meal (8 ounce portion for  
adults, 4 ounces for children) per month of white bass or  
hybrid white/striped bass from Steinhagen Reservoir.

This advisory shall remain in effect until rescinded or modified in writing.

Issued this 2nd day of November, 1995

  
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Commissioner of Health