

**TEXAS DEPARTMENT OF STATE HEALTH SERVICES**

**FISH AND SHELLFISH CONSUMPTION ADVISORY**

**ADV-41**

This advisory is issued as a result of sampling of Neches River located in Angelina, Hardin, Houston, Jasper, Polk, Trinity, and Tyler Counties, Texas. Flathead catfish, freshwater drum, gar, largemouth bass, spotted bass, and white bass samples collected from the Neches River indicate the presence of mercury at concentrations exceeding health assessment guidelines established by the Texas Department of State Health Services (DSHS). Consumption of flathead catfish, freshwater drum, gar, largemouth bass, spotted bass, and white bass from the Neches River may pose a threat to human health.

**COUNTIES:** Angelina, Hardin, Houston, Jasper, Polk, Trinity, and Tyler Counties

**AREA:** Neches River

**SPECIES AFFECTED:** Flathead catfish, freshwater drum, gar, largemouth bass, spotted bass, and white bass

**CONSUMPTION ADVISORY:** The DSHS advises that adults should limit consumption of flathead catfish, freshwater drum, gar, largemouth bass, spotted bass, and white bass to no more than two eight ounce meals per month and children under twelve years old should limit consumption of flathead catfish, freshwater drum, gar, largemouth bass, spotted bass, and white bass to no more than two four ounce meals per month. Women who are nursing, pregnant, or who may become pregnant should not consume flathead catfish, freshwater drum, gar, largemouth bass, spotted bass, and white bass from the Neches River.

This advisory shall remain in effect until rescinded or modified in writing.

Issued this 8th day of March, 2010



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Commissioner