

Riverwise Education Program

In recent decades, Indiana's rivers and streams have become progressively cleaner. However, many fish in these waterways still contain high levels of mercury and PCBs, which are known to cause cancer, neurological disorders, developmental problems and infertility. The matrix below shows consumption advisories for fish species common to White River.



Note the "At-Risk Population" – Women of child-bearing years, nursing mothers and children under the age of 15



BLUEGILL

Any size	At-Risk Population – 1 meal per 1 week	General Population – Unlimited consumption
No size or catch limit.		



CARP

Up to 19 inches	At-Risk Population – <i>Do not eat</i>	General Population – 1 meal every 2 months
19+ inches	At-Risk Population – <i>Do not eat</i>	General Population – <i>Do not eat</i>
No size or catch limit.		



CHANNEL CATFISH

10-17 inches	At-Risk Population – <i>Do not eat</i>	General Population – 1 meal per 1 month
17+ inches	At-Risk Population – <i>Do not eat</i>	General Population – 1 meal every 2 months
No daily catch limit. Minimum size limit in rivers and streams is 10 inches. State regulations require turning back any channel catfish under 10 inches long caught in rivers and streams.		



LARGEMOUTH BASS

12-17 inches	At-Risk Population – 1 meal per 1 month	General Population – 1 meal per 1 week
17+ inches	At-Risk Population – <i>Do not eat</i>	General Population – 1 meal per 1 month
Minimum size limit in rivers and streams is 12 inches. Daily bag limit is 5 singly or in combination with smallmouth bass and spotted bass. State regulations require that you turn back any largemouth, smallmouth and spotted bass under 12 inches long caught in rivers and streams.		



SMALLMOUTH BASS

12+ inches	At-Risk Population – <i>Do not eat</i>	General Population – 1 meal per 1 month
Minimum size limit in rivers and streams is 12 inches. Daily bag limit is 5 singly or in combination with largemouth bass and spotted bass. State regulations require that you turn back any largemouth, smallmouth and spotted bass under 12 inches long caught in rivers and streams.		

When fishing in White River – persons ages 17 and over are required to have a valid Indiana fishing license, which must be purchased annually, and must also follow other regulations of the State. Those who are in violation can be cited and fined.

Check out these resources for more information:

Indiana State Department of Health (complete advisory for all Indiana waterways) – www.IN.gov/isdh/dataandstats/fish/fish_adv_index.htm

Indiana Department of Natural Resources – www.dnr.IN.gov

