

San Francisco Bay Fish Project

The San Francisco Bay Fish Project is a two-year project of the California Department of Public Health (CDPH) to reduce exposure to harmful chemicals from eating San Francisco Bay fish. While fish is an important part of a healthy diet, some fish from San Francisco Bay contain mercury and PCBs. An interim health advisory for the Bay recommends limiting the types and amounts of fish consumed as a means to limit exposure to chemicals. This advisory will be revised and updated in 2011. Under the San Francisco Bay Fish Project, CDPH will collaborate with community groups, local agencies, tribes, and others to raise public awareness about fish contamination issues in San Francisco Bay, and support community-based projects to reduce exposure to chemicals from fish consumption.

CDPH will be working on the following activities:

- Convene quarterly Stakeholder Advisory Group (SAG) meetings to solicit feedback on project activities
- Promote engagement and collaboration among interested stakeholders
- Support and conduct risk communication and risk reduction activities
- Conduct capacity building trainings

AVISO WARNING 警告事項

Fish in the San Francisco Bay have chemicals that may harm your health. Pregnant and breastfeeding women, and children under 18 years should eat no more than 1 meal of fish a month. Other adults may safely eat up to 2 meals of fish a month.

BABALA (Hawaiian) / **ຄຳເຕືອນ** (Lao) / **LUU YI** (Vietnamese)

Pregnant women / Breastfeeding women / Children under 18 years: 1 MEAL A MONTH

Adults: 2 MEALS A MONTH

NO Striped Bass over 27" / **NO Striped Bass over 35"**

NO Shark

EAT BAY FISH SAFELY

These limits are for all fish except salmon, anchovies, herring and smelt, which contain fewer chemicals.

Beginning in December 2010, quarterly meetings of the SAG will guide development of community-based outreach, education, and exposure reduction activities. The SAG meetings are also intended to promote collaboration among stakeholders and keep members updated on the progress of the project and related activities.

In 2011, CDPH plans to implement a program to fund local groups to conduct culturally-appropriate exposure reduction activities to address fish contamination issues in the San Francisco Bay. These groups will receive ongoing support and training by CDPH.

This project is created in partnership with Bay Area Clean Water Agencies, Western States Petroleum Association, Bay Area Stormwater Management Agencies Association, the Aquatic Sciences Center, the Office of Environmental Health Hazard Assessment, the San Francisco Bay Regional Water Quality Control Board, and the United States Environmental Protection Agency.

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