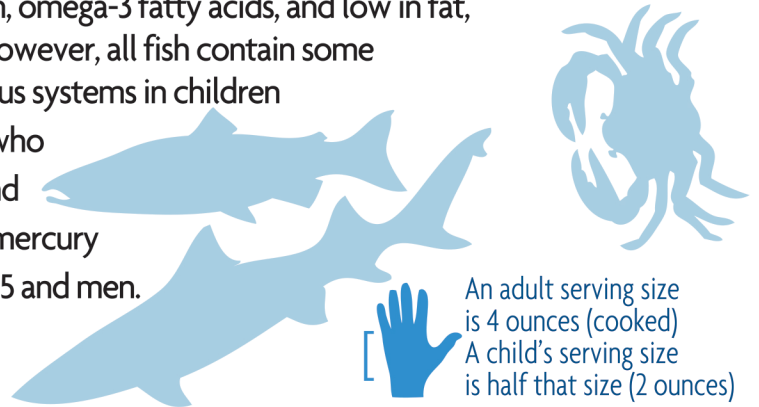


Eating Fish Safely

Guidelines for Humboldt Bay

Fish is rich in nutrients and good for you. High in protein, omega-3 fatty acids, and low in fat, eating fish promotes heart health and brain function. However, all fish contain some mercury, a toxic metal that can harm developing nervous systems in children and can cause neurological damage in adults. Women who are or can become pregnant, breastfeeding mothers, and children should follow certain guidelines to limit their mercury intake. There are different guidelines for women over 45 and men. Studies have found that following these guidelines can reduce your body's mercury levels within 3 months.



Guidelines For Women <45 And Children

Best Choices – Eat 5 To 7 Servings A Week

Wild Chinook Salmon Anchovies
Oysters, Mussels, Clams Sardines

Good Choices – Eat 2 To 3 Servings A Week

Smelt Surfperch
Dungeness Crab Black Rockfish
Locally-caught Albacore Tuna California Halibut
Pacific Halibut <12lbs. or <35" long

In Moderation – No More Than 1 Serving A Week

Lingcod <10lbs or <28" long
Pacific Halibut 12-50lbs. or >35" long
Canary Rockfish
Bat Ray

AVOID fish with the Highest Mercury Levels

Leopard Shark
Brown Smooth-hound Shark
Spiny Dogfish
Lingcod >10lbs or >28" long
Cabezon
Rockfish: Copper, China, Gopher,
Quillback, Vermillion

Guidelines For Women >45 And Men

Best Choices – Eat 4 To 7 Servings A Week

Wild Chinook Salmon Surfperch
Oysters, Mussels, Clams Anchovies
Dungeness Crab Sardines
Black Rockfish Smelt
Locally-caught Albacore Tuna California Halibut
Pacific Halibut <12lbs. or <35" long

Good Choices – Eat 2 To 3 Servings A Week

Lingcod <10lbs. or <28" long
Pacific Halibut 12-50lbs. or >35" long
Canary Rockfish Bat Ray

In Moderation – No More Than 1 Serving A Week

Lingcod 10-20lbs. or 28-35" long
Cabezon
Rockfish: Copper, China, Gopher,
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