

**FISH ADVISORY**  
**Mercury levels in Certain Massachusetts Fish**

Sample ID	Collection Date	Species	Number of fish	Mean Length (cm)	Mean Weight (g)	Mercury Level (ppm)
2009148-001	06/23/09	Largemouth bass	Composite of 3 fish	40	529	0.72
2009148-002	06/23/09	Black crappie	Composite of 3 fish	25	253	0.12
2009148-003	06/23/09	White perch	Composite of 3 fish	28	287	0.61
2009148-004	06/23/09	Yellow perch	Composite of 3 fish	24	133	0.16
2009148-005	06/23/09	Pumpkinseed	Composite of 3 fish	20	157	0.071

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**Three toxic forms of Mercury (Hg):**

1. Organic Mercury

Most toxic: methyl mercury

Also ethyl mercury, propyl mercury, diethyl mercury, etc...

2. Mercury salts

e.g. mercury sulfide, mercury hydride, etc...

3. Metallic (elemental) mercury