



Colorado Department  
of Public Health  
and Environment

# WATER : McPHEE RESERVOIR

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## ATTENTION ANGLERS

Routine sampling has shown that some fish from this water exceed the Mercury action level of 0.5 parts per million set by the Colorado Department of Health. Eating fish that exceed this level may cause health problems.

The Colorado Department of Health has categorized the fish according to Mercury levels. To determine recommended amounts of fish that may be consumed, find the fish and size you caught in Table 1. Determine the concentration group in which it falls. Using the concentration group letter (A, B, C, etc.), see Table 2. Determine the recommended number of meals per month for you.

Table 1

<u>FISH</u>	<u>SIZE</u>	<u>CONCENTRATION GROUP</u>
Rainbow Trout	6 - 12 inches	A
	12 - 18 inches	B
Yellow Perch	1 - 6 inches	A
	6 - 12 inches	B
Smallmouth Bass	1 - 6 inches	B
	6 - 12 inches	B
Largemouth Bass	12 - 18 inches	D
Black Crappie	6 - 12 inches	C
Kokanee Salmon	12 - 18 inches	A

Table 2

<u>CONCENTRATION GROUP</u>	<u>PREGNANT WOMEN, NURSING WOMEN AND WOMEN WHO PLAN ON BEING PREGNANT AND CHILDREN 9 YEARS OR YOUNGER: MEALS PER MONTH</u>	<u>ALL OTHERS: MEALS PER MONTH</u>
A	3.5	14
B	2	8
C	1	4
D	0	2
E	0	1
F	0	0

Meal size for adults = 8 ounces and for children = 4 ounces.

If the fish and size you caught are not listed above, no data are available. For questions regarding Mercury in fish call the Water Quality Control Division (1-303-692-3500). For questions about Human Health and Mercury call the Disease Control And Environmental Epidemiology Division (1-303-692-2700).