## Choose health, low mercury fish



# PUT FISH ON YOUR PLATE

what types of fish are best for you and how often you can eat them. Benefits of eating fish outweigh risks if you choose to eat fish low in mercury. Mercury can affect memory, thinking, attention, and success in school for children.

### **Healthy Tips**



- Mercury cannot be removed by cleaning, cooking, or freezing fish.
- Eat smaller fish. Give larger walleyes, northerns, and white bass to women who are not pregnant or planning to become pregnant and men.
- How clean a lake looks or how a fish smells is not a sign of how safe the fish is to eat.





Fish eating guidelines health.state.mn.us/fish

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## **Women** who are or may become pregnant **and children** under 15 years old –

## **Choose Your Fish!**

## EVERY WEEK: EAT 2 TIMES\* Very low mercury

#### **FROM STORES & RESTAURANTS**

- Catfish (farm-raised)
- Pompano
- Riverbarb
- Salmon (Atlantic and Pacific)
- Shellfish (such as shrimp and crab)
- Smelt
- Tilapia
- Fish sticks and sandwiches

# OR - EVERY WEEK: EAT 1 TIME\* Low mercury

#### FROM STORES & RESTAURANTS

Canned light tuna

#### **FROM MINNESOTA LAKES & RIVERS**

- Crappie
- Stream trout



- Sunfish
- Yellow perch



### EVERY MONTH: EAT 1 TIME\*

Medium mercury

#### FROM STORES & RESTAURANTS

- Canned white (albacore) tuna
- Tuna (fillet and steak)

#### FROM MINNESOTA LAKES & RIVERS

- Bass
- Catfish
- Northern pike
- Walleve
- White bass

#### FROM DEVIL'S LAKE (North Dakota)

- Walleye
- White bass



#### \*1 Time = 1 Serving

Serving size increases or decreases depending on a person's size. A serving is 3 ounces of cooked fish for a 75 pound person (3 ounces is about the size of a deck of cards). A serving is 5 ounces cooked fish for a 120 pound person. You can eat fish more often if the amount of fish you eat is smaller than your serving size.