Information for local recreational fishers

This advice is specific for fish sourced from the Georges River and Botany Bay.

Low levels of PFAS (per- and poly-fluoroalkyl substances) have been identified in fish species of the Botany Bay area, likely related to past use of fire fighting foam in the area. The Department of Primary Industries has implemented the recommendations of the NSW PFAS Taskforce, and advises people who frequently catch fish from this area to limit the number of servings of individual species according to the table provided overleaf.

Catching fish from a variety of locations outside this area will assist in minimising exposure. The waters are not closed to fishing and fishers can still take fish within bag and size rules noting the dietary advice, or choose to practice catch and release.

Existing advisories and restrictions are in place for other areas of Georges River and Botany Bay, and can be found at www.dpi.nsw.gov.au/fishing/closures/location-closures/botany-bay-and-georges-river.

Seafood for sale is safe to eat

Botany Bay and the lower Georges River fishing and dietary advice

Additional PFAS information:
www.epa.nsw.gov.au/MediaInformation/pfasinvestigation.htm

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If you regularly catch fish in Botany Bay and the lower Georges River, there is new advice on how much of each fish type you can eat

Dietary advice
These tables list the number of serves of a single species that can be eaten each week to result in an exposure to half of the health based guideline value.

The following advice in Table 1 relates specifically to PFAS detections in species caught by recreational fishers in the Georges River between Rabaul Road Boat Ramp and the Princes Highway (Tom Ugly’s) Bridge.

Table 1 Maximum recommended weekly intake for species caught in the Georges River between Rabaul Road Boat Ramp and the Princes Highway (Tom Ugly’s) Bridge by recreational fishers for PFAS exposure.

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<th>Species</th>
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*Adult Serving size = 150 grams; Children Serving Size = 75 grams.

Note:
- Consumption of offal in all species listed should be avoided.
- This advice is if one single species is eaten. Eating multiple species would result in a greater exposure. For example:
  - for a child eating fish caught in the Georges River between Rabaul Road Boat Ramp and the Princes Highway - 1 serve of either Dusky Flathead, Mulloway, Silver Trevally or Estuary Perch and 1 serve of any other species listed in the table in one week would exceed the recommended PFAS intake.
  - for an adult, eating 2 serves of Sea Mullet and 1 serve of Silver Trevally in one week would not exceed the recommended PFAS intake via fish sources.

For more information
More information on PFAS is available at www.epa.nsw.gov.au/MediaInformation/pfasinvestigation.htm
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