



Department of
Primary Industries

Tamworth fishing and dietary advice

Recent testing has identified low levels of PFAS (per- and poly-fluoroalkyl substances) in fish species in a section of the Peel River northwest of Tamworth, related to past use of fire fighting foam at Tamworth Regional Airport.

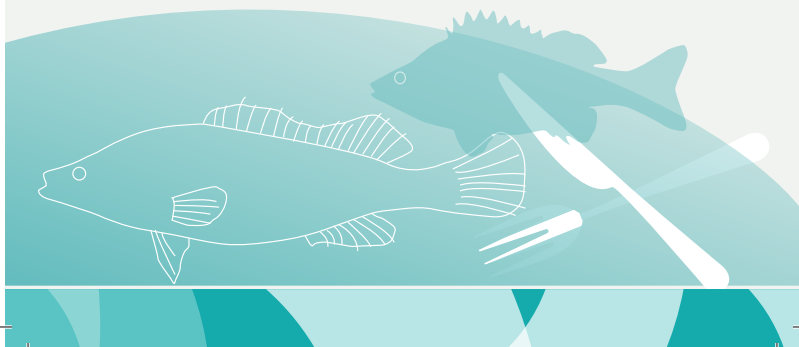
The Department of Primary Industries (DPI) has implemented the recommendations of the NSW Government and advises people who frequently catch fish from this area to limit the number of servings of individual species according to the table provided overleaf.

This advice is specific for fish sourced from the area of the Peel River (and its tributaries) downstream of Jewry Street weir to the road crossing at Appleby Lane.

DPI recommends catching fish from a variety of locations outside this area.

Additional PFAS advice:

www.epa.nsw.gov.au/MediaInformation/pfasinvestigation.htm



Dietary advice

Recommended maximum intake based on eating a single species caught from the whole of the waters of the Peel River and its tributaries downstream of Jewry Street weir to the road crossing at Appleby Lane, including Wallamore Anabranch and Bolton's Creek catchment. 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.

This table lists 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.

Species	Servings* per week	
	Children 2 to 6 years old	All other age groups
Murray Cod	2	5
Golden Perch	6	Advice not required
Carp	1	2

* Adult serving size = 150 g. Children serving size = 75 g.

Note

- Consumption of offal in all species should be avoided.
- Species specific information is for when a single species of fish is eaten per week. Eating multiple species would result in a greater exposure.

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