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Fish Ban Lifted for Fosdic Lake

The Texas Department of State Health Services has lifted a ban on possessing fish from Fosdic Lake in Fort Worth after tests showed that fish from the lake are now safe to eat.

However, DSHS advises limiting consumption of common carp from the lake.

Adults and children 12 and older should eat no more than two 8-ounce servings of carp per month. Children under 12 should eat no more than two 4-ounce servings per month.

Women who are or might become pregnant and women who are nursing should not eat any carp from the lake.

The original possession ban, issued in April 1995 by the Texas Department of Health, was based on tests showing unsafe levels of several chemicals believed to cause cancer and damage the nervous system, liver and other organs.

The ban was prompted by elevated levels of chlordane, polychlorinated biphenyls (PCBs), dichlorodiphenyldichloroethylene (DDE) and dieldrin in fish from the lake.

In 2004 the Texas Department of Health became part of the Texas Department of State Health Services.