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BOG Accomplishments in 2010

Lakes

- Final peer-reviewed report on the two-year survey released in June
- Fact sheet
- Press release





Contaminants in Sport Fish Largest-Ever Survey Documents Extent of Contamination in Sport Fish in California Lakes

The State Water Resources Control Board's Surface Water Ambient Monitoring Program (SWAMP) has released a report on a recently completed two-year survey of contaminants in sport fish from lakes and reservoirs. The report, Contaminants in Fish from California Lakes and Reservoirs, 2007-2008, is the largest study on contaminants in fish ever conducted in California, and presents new data on 122 lakes sampled in 2008. This adds to the 2007 dataset covering 150 lakes reported last year. The monitoring indicates that concentrations of mercury and other contaminants in indicator species are above human health thresholds in some areas of the state. The study has provided information that will be valuable in prioritizing lakes in need of further study to support development of consumption guidelines and cleanup plans, and that the public can use to be better informed about the degree of contamination of their favorite fishing spots.

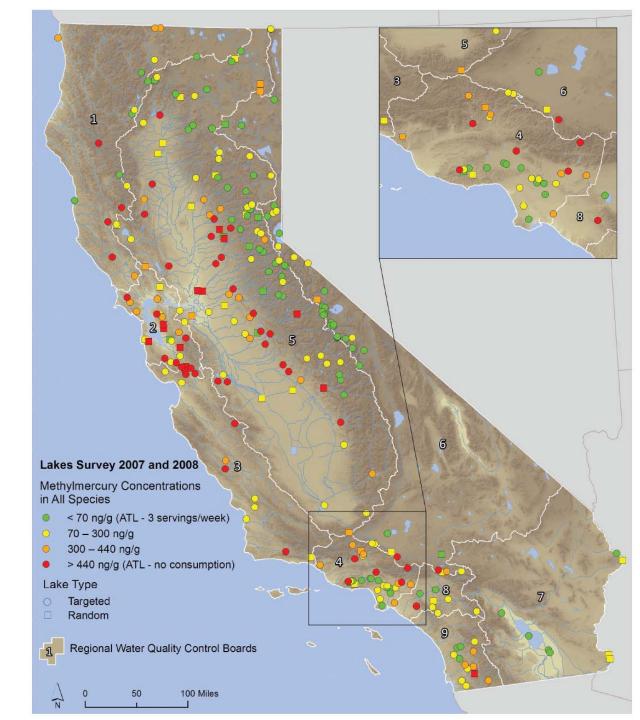
Information for individual lakes included in the Lakes Survey can be obtained by clicking the link Is It Safe to Eat Fish and Shellfish from Our Waters? at the California Water Quality Monitoring Council's "My Water Quality" web portal at: www.CAWaterQuality.net





Results

- Strong foundation
- Statewide concern
- Not the whole picture
- Desired impact?



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Coast

- Coordinated (SWAMP, Bight, RMP) report on year 1 in preparation
 - Draft in February
 - Final in May
- Second year of sampling completed



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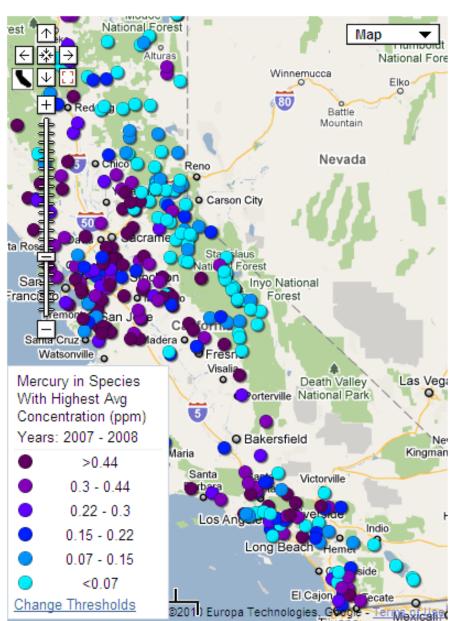
Sampling design underway



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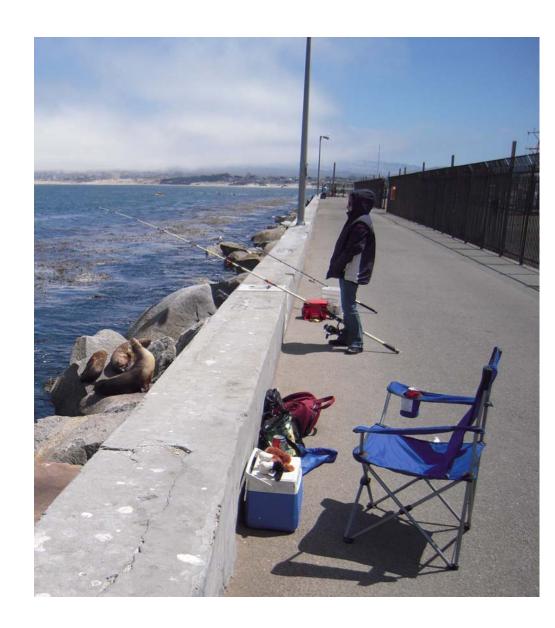
Council Workgroup

- Safe to Eat Portal
 - Second year lakes data posted
 - Planning for enhancements in 2011
- Charter



Plans for 2011

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