

Statewide Patterns in PCBs

PCB concentrations in sport fish at lakes sampled by SWAMP in 2007 and 2008. Each point represents highest average PCB concentration among the species sampled in each lake. PCBs were second to methylmercury as a potential health concern for consumers of fish caught in California lakes. However, only 1% of the lakes sampled had a species with an average PCB concentration that exceeded 120 ppb, the threshold published by the Cal/EPA Office of Environmental Health Hazard Assessment (OEHHA) for considering a no consumption recommendation. Data from this screening study are insufficient for OEHHA to be able to develop new fish consumption recommendations.