

Wisconsin Men Who Fish

Results from the 2012 Wisconsin Angler Online Survey*

Wisconsin anglers eat a lot of fish each year...



Many anglers eat fish from local sources in Wisconsin

- 1 - Lake Michigan, 75%
- 2 - Fox River/Lower Green Bay, 55%
- 3 - Lake Superior, 23%
- 4 - Menominee River, 23%
- 5 - Milwaukee Estuary, 20%
- 6 - Sheboygan River, 8%
- 7 - St. Louis River and Bay, 2%

Top Five Locally Caught Fish



Bluegill
Walleye
Crappie
Yellow perch
Northern pike

Most anglers were aware of health advisories



Remember that size, species, and source matter!

Choose smaller, younger fish
Eat a variety of fish
Know where your fish comes from

And keep in mind, mercury cannot be removed by cooking or cleaning your fish.

And over half of anglers reported making behavior changes to avoid chemicals in fish



15%
Ate fish less often



53%
Avoided fish from certain locations



25%
Ate different species of fish



43%
Made no changes to eating habits

*Thank you to the 3,740 anglers who completed the survey!



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