Eating Fish Caught from Waters Affected By a Harmful Algal Bloom

A harmful algal bloom (HAB) is present and/or algal toxins have been detected in these waters. Some algal toxins can accumulate in fish tissues, particularly in organs such as the liver and kidneys.

Fish tissue monitoring and research have shown that fish fillets from fish caught in waters affected by a HAB should be safe to eat.

As a precaution, the following ACTIONS are RECOMMENDED:

➢ Remove and discard fat, skin, and internal organs before cooking.
➢ Rinse fillets with clean water before cooking or freezing to remove any contaminants from the cleaning process.
➢ Follow fish consumption advisories for West Virginia at: http://www.wvdhhr.org/fish

For more information on harmful algal blooms, go to:

http://go.wv.gov/algae or http://www.wvdhhr.org/oehs
or contact your local health department at: