

Stormwater tip – June 2017

Going fishing and going swimming are favorite activities for this time of year. Both can be affected by stormwater runoff in general and specifically after heavy rains. Here are links to websites showing beach closings and warnings and fishing advisories for various bodies of water.

Learn When Beaches May Be Closed

View the latest information on your beach that states have sent to EPA

See: Beach 2.0, [Beach Advisory and Closing On-Line Notification](#),

<http://watersgeo.epa.gov/beacon2>

Going Fishing? Learn When Fish May be Unsafe to Eat

Fish are important in a healthy diet. However, some fish may contain methylmercury or other harmful chemicals at sufficiently high levels to be a concern. Federal, state and local governments issue fish consumption advisories when the fish are unsafe to eat. The advisories may suggest that people avoid eating certain kinds or certain amounts of fish.

Some advisories apply to specific water bodies (like lakes). Some may focus on groups of particularly sensitive people. Some advisories include notices of "no restriction" to tell us that certain fish are safe to eat.

For more information:

Pennsylvania <http://pfbc.pa.gov/fishpub/summaryad/sumconsumption.pdf>

National Map <https://fishadvisoryonline.epa.gov/General.aspx>