# EAT SAFE FISH In Michigan





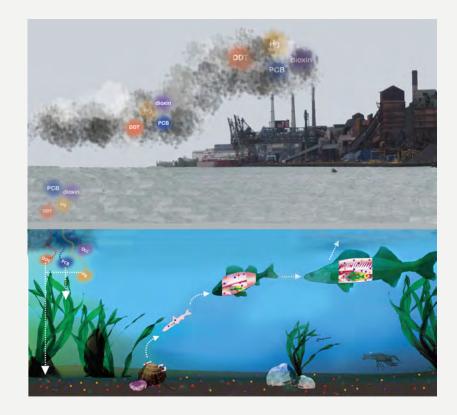
## WHY EAT FISH?

- Lean source of protein
- Low in saturated fat
- Contain omega-3 fatty acids
- Can be local and affordable

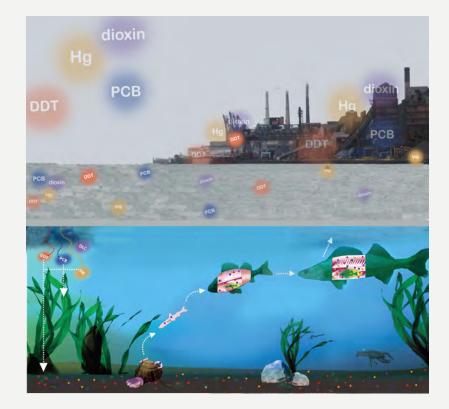




## CHEMICALS OF CONCERN: PERSISTENT



~1970s



Today



## CHEMICALS OF CONCERN: BIOACCUMULATIVE





## **CHEMICALS OF CONCERN**

PCBs

(polychlorinated biphenyls) Brain development can be harmed in fetuses and children

Linked to the development of cancer

Linked to the development of diabetes

Immune system can be harmed

Mercury

Brain development can be harmed in fetuses and children

Immune system can be harmed

Heart function can be harmed in older adults Dioxins Linked to the development of cancer

Fertility can be harmed

Thyroid function can be harmed



## RISK DIFFERS BY AGE, HEALTH & GENETICS

Health outcomes depend on several factors:

#### What you can change: Amount of chemical exposure

- What species of fish
- How often eaten
- How much eaten
- How they are cleaned and cooked

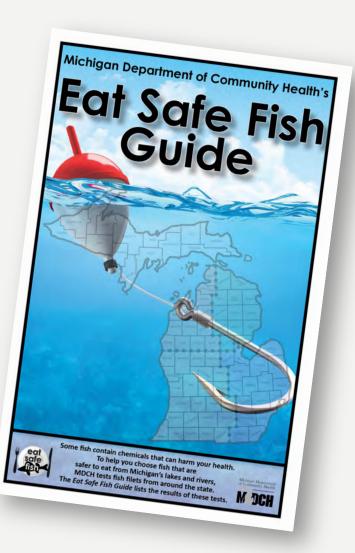
#### **What you cannot change:** Who you are

- Age
- Health
- Genetics



## EAT SAFE FISH GUIDE

- Based on current science
- Fish in the Eat Safe Fish Guide have been tested
- Not regulatory-like a nutrition label
- Free by request and available online





## EAT SAFE FISH MATERIALS





## THANK YOUL

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