Division of Science, Research & Technology

BLUE CLAW CRAB ALERT
NEWARK BAY REGION
DO NOT CATCH! DO NOT EAT!

The New Jersey Department of Environmental Protection has found that blue claw crabs from the Newark Bay region are contaminated with harmful levels of dioxin and polychlorinated biphenyls (PCBs). Eating blue claw crabs from this region may cause cancer and harm brain development in unborn and young children. Fish consumption advisories in this region for blue claw crabs are DO NOT CATCH! AND DO NOT EAT!

The Newark Bay region is composed of Newark Bay, the Hackensack, Passaic, Elizabeth and Rahway Rivers and the Arthur Kill and Kill Van Kull. Please see the right side of this page for towns in the Newark Bay Region.

The New Jersey Department of Environmental Protection is committed to protecting your health and has launched a public awareness campaign. We are partnering with local and county health departments, community-based organizations, municipal governments, schools, conservation organizations and various other civic organizations throughout the Newark Bay region.

People found catching and eating crabs, in this region, are subject to a fine from the State of New Jersey. Fines range from $100 to $3,000 for the first offense (NJAC 7:25-14, 18A).

For more information call toll free 1-866- DEP-KNOW.

This information is also available below in PDF format.

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- English Version of information sheet
- Spanish Version of information sheet
- English version of warning sign
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http://www.state.nj.us/dep/dsr/crab-outreach/alert-english.htm

Towns in the Newark Bay Region

Arthur Kill / Kill Van Kull
Bayonne, Carteret, Elizabeth, Hillside, Linden, Newark, Perth Amboy, Woodbridge

Elizabeth River
Elizabeth, Hillside, Union

Hackensack River
Bogota, Carlstadt, East Rutherford, Hackensack, Jersey City, Leonia, Little Ferry, Moonachie, New Milford, North Bergen, Oradell, Paramus, Ridgefield Park and Borough, River Edge, Secaucus, South Hackensack, Teaneck

Newark Bay
Bayonne, Elizabeth, Jersey City, Newark

Passaic River
Belleville, Clifton, Garfield,
The life of the Blue Crab and advisories for local consumers

Related Reports

- ESTIMATE OF CANCER RISK TO CONSUMERS OF CRABS CAUGHT IN THE AREA OF THE DIAMOND ALKALI SITE AND OTHER AREAS OF THE NEWARK BAY COMPLEX FROM 2,3,7,8-TCDD AND 2,3,7,8-TCDD EQUIVALENTS (2002) (PDF format)

Rahway River

Carteret, Clark, Rahway

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