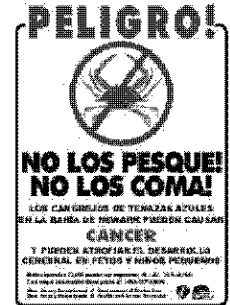


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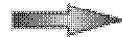
## BLUE CLAW CRAB ALERT NEWARK BAY REGION



### 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.

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### 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,

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#### **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)

#### **The life of the Blue Crab and advisories for local consumers**



Harrison, Kearny, Lodi,  
Lyndhurst, Newark, North  
Arlington, Nutley, Passaic,  
Paterson, Rutherford,  
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#### **Rahway River**

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