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The following rescission notice was issued on 12-2-1-18by the Department ofHealth, the Department of Environmental Quality, and the Department of Wildlife & Fisheries. Formore information, please contact:LDHDEQDWFShannon SoileauAlbert Hindrichs(888) 293-7020(225) 219-3189(337) 491-2575

RESCISSION NOTICE: FISH CONSUMPTION ADVISORY FOR SIBLEY LAKE

Recent sampling in Sibley Lake near the city of Natchitoches, Louisiana has prompted the Department of Health (LDH), Department of Environmental Quality (DEQ), and Department of Wildlife & Fisheries (DWF) to rescind the current fish consumption advisory.

In 1989, the presence of polychlorinated biphenyls (PCBs) in lake sediments and fish tissue necessitated a fish consumption advisory for the entire lake. An update to the advisory was issued by LDH, DEQ and DWF on January 31, 1996. Periodic environmental monitoring was a requirement of enforcement actions issued by DEQ in the early 1990s. These actions also ordered the responsible party to implement extensive remediation projects to remove PCB contamination from impacted lake sediments. The remediation projects were completed in the 1990s. The fish sampling efforts have continued for approximately thirty years.

The decision to rescind the current advisory is based on fish sampling data from 2016-2018 which included tissue samples of bass, catfish, crappie and bream. A review of that data revealed PCB concentrations below the levels of concern established by the agencies.

For more information regarding this action, contact the LDH at 1-888-293-7020 or visit <u>www.ldh.la.gov/EatSafeFish</u>. The LDH has developed an informational brochure entitled *Eating Recreationally Caught Seafood in Louisiana: How to Choose, Clean and Cook Your Catch* which can be found at the following web address: <u>www.ldh.la.gov/assets/oph/Center-</u><u>EH/envepi/fishadvisory/Documents/Seafood_Fat_Brochure_2015.pdf</u>. Call our toll free number to request paper copies of the brochure.

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