

FISH IS GOOD FOR YOU WHEN FISH IS SAFE

What Market Owners and Consumers Should Know



White Croaker, also known as kingfish or tomcod, caught from certain areas off the coast of Los Angeles County, may contain higher levels of the chemicals DDTs and PCBs than other fish.

- ◆ White croaker with high levels of these chemicals were found in markets.
- ◆ Contaminated white croaker may be getting into markets when market owners buy white croaker from unapproved sources. These sources include unlicensed anglers who fish in the contaminated areas and who sell their catch illegally to people on piers and stores.
- ◆ When markets buy their fish from unapproved sources, there is no way for the consumer to be confident about the safety of this fish.

To Make Sure Your Fish is Safe

MARKET OWNERS

Buy fish only from approved sources such as licensed fish wholesalers, distributors or commercial fishermen. These sources are regulated by government agencies.

Know where your suppliers are catching their fish.

Keep and file all invoices when fish is purchased.

CONSUMERS

Ask where the fish comes from.

Buy fish from market owners who get fish from licensed wholesalers, distributors or commercial fishermen.

Be sure that your market owner is aware of local fish contamination issues.

