

**CALIFORNIA ENVIRONMENTAL PROTECTION AGENCY
OFFICE OF ENVIRONMENTAL HEALTH HAZARD ASSESSMENT**

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**ANNOUNCEMENT OF PUBLIC WORKSHOP
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**PUBLIC WORKSHOP:
DISCUSSION OF DRAFT REPORT EVALUATION OF POTENTIAL HEALTH
EFFECTS OF EATING FISH FROM SELECTED WATER BODIES IN THE
NORTHERN SIERRA NEVADA FOOTHILLS (NEVADA, PLACER, AND YUBA
COUNTIES): GUIDELINES FOR SPORT FISH CONSUMPTION**

The California Environmental Protection Agency's Office of Environmental Health Hazard Assessment (OEHHA) announces a public workshop to discuss and receive public comments on the draft report entitled Evaluation of Potential Health Effects of Eating Fish from Selected Water Bodies in the Northern Sierra Nevada Foothills (Nevada, Placer, and Yuba Counties): Guidelines for Sport Fish Consumption. To facilitate discussion at the workshop, the draft document is available for preview on OEHHA's Web site. Copies are also available on request from OEHHA at Pesticide and Environmental Toxicology Section, P.O. Box 4010, Sacramento, California 95812-4010 or Pesticide and Environmental Toxicology Section, 1515 Clay St., 16th Floor, Oakland, California 94612.

The workshop will be held on February 27, 2003, at Nevada Irrigation District Conference Room at 1036 West Main Street, Grass Valley. It will begin at 2:00 p.m. and last until all business has been conducted or until 3:30 p.m.

The report represents an evaluation of findings on mercury in fish from Camp Far West Reservoir, Lake Combie, Lake Englebright, Rollins Reservoir, Scotts Flat Reservoir, and portions of the South Yuba River, Deer Creek, and Bear River, and provides guidelines for limiting consumption of fish from these water bodies in Nevada, Placer, and Yuba Counties. The workshop will be conducted in accordance with Health and Safety Code Section 57003(a) to provide information and promote public input in the development of fish consumption guidelines for these water bodies.

A copy of the report is available at the Internet Web site of OEHHA, <http://www.oehha.ca.gov>, or by calling OEHHA at (916) 327-7319.

Written comments may be submitted at the workshop or to the address below. Comments must be postmarked (if sent by mail) or received by OEHHA (if hand-delivered or sent by FAX) by close of business on February 27, 2003.

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Following the workshop, OEHHA will revise the report, as appropriate, post it on the Web site, and provide a 30-day public comment period. The public comment period will be announced in the California Regulatory Notice Register. The report and advisory will then be finalized after considering all the comments received.

If you would like to receive further information on this workshop, or have questions, please contact Dr. Robert Brodberg using the information provided below.

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