

D'Arbonne

National Wildlife Refuge

Warning

Mercury contamination has been documented on the refuge. On July 29, 1992, the State of Louisiana issued the following consumption regarding fish from the Ouachita River:

For pregnant women and children (less than seven years of age), consume no bass, and limit consumption of other species of fish to two meals per month (a meal is considered to be half a pound of fish for an adult). For non-pregnant women, men and children (seven years of age and older), limit the consumption of bass to two meals per month, and there is no limit on other species of fish.

Elevated levels of mercury have been found by the Fish and Wildlife Service in other species of fish and it is recommended that no fish caught on the refuge be eaten.

