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Something's Fishy in Lansing *Send a (Paper) Plate of Fish to John Engler*

The Michigan Environmental Health Coalition and the Ecology Center are leading a campaign to flood Governor Engler's office with paper plates urging him to protect the people of Michigan, especially children and women of childbearing age, who may be at risk from eating contaminated fish. Decorated with pictures of fish and fishing scenes, the paper plates urge the Governor to protect the tradition of fishing in Michigan by keeping it safe.

Citizens are demanding the Governor adopt the Uniform Fish Advisory, which was developed by a panel of scientists from each Great Lakes state, including Michigan. It is intended to serve as a shared fish consumption guide for all of the states, and has been adopted in some form by every Great Lakes state except Michigan. Governor John Engler chose to ignore the advice of scientists, physicians, toxicologists, every other Great Lakes state, and his own advisory board



Students at Clonlara School in Ann Arbor display their fish plates before sending them to Governor Engler

on the need for the more protective fish consumption advice. Recent studies have found that the children of women eating PCB-contaminated Great Lakes fish have lower IQs and more developmental problems when compared to other children.

The House overwhelmingly passed a measure (HB 4206) on a 104-5 vote to require that the state issue fish advisories in uniformity with all other Great Lakes states. A similar bill is now

in the Michigan Senate's Agriculture and Forestry Committee. The Environmental Protection Agency has also expressed its dissatisfaction with Michigan and is issuing its own supplemental fish consumption advisory because of their concern over Engler's refusal to adopt the Uniform advisory.

(See the following page to find out how you can help make fishing safe in Michigan)

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Don't let Lansing play politics with our children's health.

Join us in a campaign to urge Michigan to adopt more protective fish consumption advisories. Send a paper plate to Governor John Engler and Senate Majority Leader Dick Posthumus with a picture of a fish and your own message about the need to adopt the uniform fish advisory. Some suggested slogans are listed below. Just put the plate in an envelope with a 32 cent stamp and send it to:

Governor John Engler	and to	Senate Majority Leader Dick Posthumus
State Capitol		State Capitol
P.O. Box 30013		P.O. Box 30013
Lansing, MI 48909		Lansing, MI 48913

Suggested slogans:

- We need good advice, not fish tales.
- Don't play politics with our health.
- What you don't know CAN hurt you.
- Don't feed our children a line— not all fish is safe.
- We need safe fish, not bad advice.
- Keep fishing safe. Adopt the uniform advisory.

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