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Mean mercury levels in parts per million (ppm). The FDA has a mercury action level of 1 ppm. Women of childbearing age and children are advised not to eat seafood exceeding 1 ppm.

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Tilefish 1.450 Swordfish 0.995 Shark 0.979 Mackerel (king) 0.730 Tuna (bigeye, ahi) 0.639 Orange roughy 0.571 Marlin 0.485

High

Mackerel (Spanish, Gulf) 0.454 Grouper 0.448 Bluefish 0.368 Sablefish 0.361 Sea bass (Chilean) 0.354 Tuna (yellowfin) 0.354 Tuna (canned albacore) 0.350

Moderate

Lobster 0.093

Croaker (white, Pacific) 0.287 Halibut 0.241 Mahimahi 0.190 Bass (striped, sea, saltwater) 0.152 Perch (freshwater) 0.150 Buffalo fish 0.137 Perch (ocean) 0.121 Tuna (canned chunk light) 0.120 Cod (Alaskan) 0.111 Carp 0.110

Low

Whitefish 0.089 Herring 0.084 Jacksmelt 0.081 , Hake 0.079 Trout 0.071 Croaker (Atlantic) 0.065 Crab 0.065 Butterfish 0.058 Sole 0.056 Flounder 0.056 Plaice 0.056 Haddock (Atlantic) 0.055 Whiting 0.051 Mullet 0.050 Mackerel (N. Atlantic, chub) 0.050 Shad (American) 0.045 Crawfish 0.033 Pollock 0.031 Catfish 0.025 Squid (calamari) 0.023 Salmon (wild) 0.022 Anchovies 0.017

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