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Are Crayfish That Fish Eat Contributing To The High Mercury Levels In Large Fish In The Colorado River Basin?

In studies done by the Colorado Division of Wildlife and other scientists, it has been shown that large fish in lakes in the upper Colorado River Basin have high mercury levels. This particular study tested the levels of crayfish in selected lakes in the upper Colorado River Basin to see if they are one of the causes of high mercury levels in fish. The crayfish were collected and then they were tested. The results of the tests were that the larger the watershed, the higher the mercury levels will be in the crayfish.