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This week, the Fish and Wildlife Service will begin a series of public meetings on the draft plan for the restoration of damage to natural resources resulting from the Deepwater Horizon oil spill. It is natural that the discussion of this plan would also raise the question of whether Gulf seafood is safe to eat. The answer to that question is, yes. Gulf seafood is as safe to eat now as it was before the spill.

When the Deepwater Horizon spill occurred, there was a great deal of concern over the safety of the region's seafood. Fishing areas were shut down and an extensive sampling

A great deal of effort was invested after the **Gulf spill** so that we could provide an answer to one question: **Is Gulf seafood safe to eat? Yes, Gulf seafood is safe to eat, and it is safe to eat for everyone.**

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concern. The best way to understand how safe Gulf seafood is, is to visualize how much seafood you could eat and still not reach the levels of concern.

Given the low levels of PAHs we found, when we found them at all, someone could eat 83 lbs. of peeled shrimp (that's 1.575 jumbo shrimp), or 5 lbs. of oyster meat (that's 130 individual oysters), or 9 lbs. of fish (that's 18 8-ounce fish filets) every day for five years

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