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Interview Information Letter
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Thank you for participating in this interview. Your responses will help us develop our understanding of how many people catch and eat fish from waters around Rochester.

Background: Fish Consumption Advisories

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CONSUMPTION AND ADVISORIES

Do you or other household members regularly eat fish caught from Lake Ontario, Irondequoit Bay, or their connecting streams? _ _

IF NO:

IF YES:

During which months do you fish locally?

About how many times a week do you and your family eat locally caught fish during the fishing season?

Household Member	How often (per week)	Age	Gender

What kind(s) of fish do you eat most often? (USE PICTURES)

How do you prepare the locally caught fish you are going to eat? (circle all that

Do you and your family members also eat STORE BOUGHT fish?

IF YES:

How often?

PARTICIPANTS WHO DO NOT EAT FISH CAUGHT AROUND ROCHESTER:

Why don't you eat the fish you catch?

ALL PARTICIPANTS:

Have you ever seen or heard advisories (warnings) about the safety of eating fish caught around Rochester (around Rochester means Lake Ontario, Irondequoit Bay and all connecting streams up to the first barrier)?

IF NO:

How safe to eat is the fish you catch here compared to store-bought or restaurant fish?

Is eating locally-caught fish safe for everyone?

IF NO:

IF YES:

Where have you heard or read about the warnings?

Why are there warnings?

Based on the warnings you've seen, are the following statements true or false?

Eating fish is good for you

Children and women who may become pregnant should not eat fish caught in Lake Ontario

No one should eat fish caught in Lake Ontario

Some species of locally caught fish are safer to eat than others

I can always tell by looking at a fish whether it is safe to eat or not

Lake Ontario fish caught farther from Rochester are safer to eat

Do you agree with the warnings/advisories you've seen?

Do these warnings influence your decision of whether or not to eat fish?

IF YES: How?

DEMOGRAPHICS (as willing)

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