KASHRUT: FISH: BUYING IN NON-KOSHER STORE

To Buy Fresh Kosher Fish in Non-Kosher Store

To buy fresh *kosher* fish in a non-*kosher* store:

- If the fish is whole and has scales, it is *kosher* and you may buy it as it is.
- If the fish has already been cut, skinned, and/or filleted and there are no non-*kosher* fish in the store, you may buy it as *kosher*.
- If you want to have the fish cut, skinned, and/or filleted and there are non-*kosher* fish in the store, have the counter-person wash off the cutting board and knife with soap and water before preparing the fish and you may buy the fish as *kosher*.
- If the fish has already been cut (and there are non-*kosher* fish in the store such that there might have been non-*kosher* fish oil on the knife or cutting board), just scrape off a tiny layer from the cut surface of the fish.

NOTE You may eat a skinned fish that you can positively identify from the flesh as *kosher*.

EXAMPLE ALL salmon are *kosher* and may be eaten if they can be identified.

NOTE You may not rely on the statement of a non-Jewish-owned store that the fish is *kosher* or is of a variety that you know to be *kosher*.

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