Your Health

NIITDITION

Superfish You Should Be Eating

Salmon isn't the only healthy fish in the sea. These others help your heart and brain, too

Rainbow Trout

With 20 grams of protein per 3-ounce serving, trout boasts almost 1,000 milligrams of heart-healthy omega-3 fatty acids. A new study reveals that these good fats may protect against cognitive decline, according to Columbia University researchers.

Pollock

Popular as fish sticks, pollock is just as tasty (and healthier) in fillet form. One serving supplies 73 percent of your daily need for selenium, a mineral that may lower your risk of developing type 2 diabetes by up to 24 percent, Harvard School of Public Health researchers showed.

Catfish

This Southern staple offers 100 percent of the daily requirement for energy-supplying vitamin B12 (more than most cuts of beef provide), which is good news for the up to 30 percent of adults 50 or older who are at risk of B12 deficiency. Adequate vitamin B12 intake may also protect against cognitive decline by slowing the rate of brain shrinkage, a 2011 study in the journal Neurology found.



Sardines

Both the meat and the minuscule bones of canned sardines are edible, so one 3-ounce serving supplies more calcium than a cup of low-fat milk and nearly 30 percent of the recommended daily allowance for vitamin D. The two nutrients

work together to decrease your risk of premature mortality by 7 percent, according to a new study in the Journal of Clinical Endocrinology & Metabolism.

Mackerel

This oily fish is one of the best dietary sources of vitamin D. "Vitamin D deficiency is common, particularly for those living in northern latitudes," says Rachel Begun, spokeswoman for the Academy of Nutrition and Dietetics. Vitamin D also plays an important role in bone health, mood and immunity.

Barramundi

A mild-tasting white fish, barramundi offers twice the recommended daily intake of omega-3s (nearly 500 milligrams) per serving. —Jessica Girdwain

Fish Face-off*

Fish	Calories	Fat	Protein	Omega-3s	B12	Vitamin D	Selenium
Salmon (sockeye)	144	6g	21g	840mg	4.8mcg	447 IUs	31mcg
Canned tuna	73	1g	17g	196mg	2.2mcg	154 IUs	60mcg
Rainbow trout	143	6g	20g	905mg	3.5mcg	645 IUs	24mcg
Pollock	100	1g	21g	484mg	3.1mcg	43 IUs	40mcg
Catfish	122	6g	16g	165mg	2.4mcg	8 IUs	8mcg
Canned sardines	177	10g	21g	1,259mg	7.6mcg	164 IUs	45mcg
Mackerel	223	15g	20g	1,208mg	16.2mcg	311 IUs	44mcg
Barramundi	70	1g	35g	480mg	N/A	N/A	N/A

*All values are based on a 3-ounce serving. Abbreviations are grams (g), milligrams (mg), micrograms (mcg) and international units (IUs).