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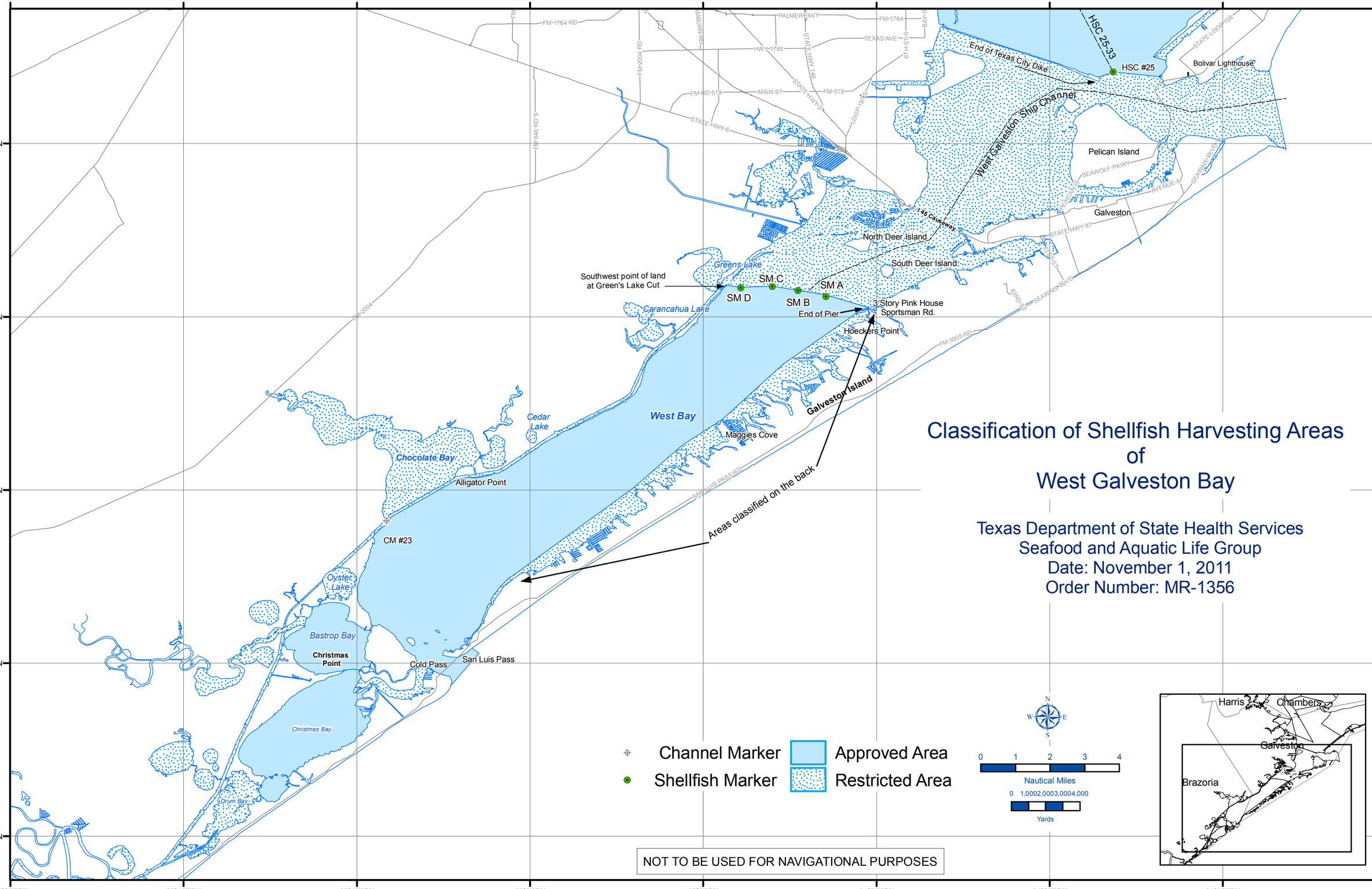

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The status of shellfish growing waters in Texas estuaries is subject to change by the Texas Department of State Health Services at any time. These changes may be due to high rainfall and runoff, flooding, hurricanes and other extreme weather conditions, major spills, red tides, or the failure or inefficient operation of wastewater treatment facilities. Current status of shellfish harvesting areas may be obtained from your local Texas Parks and Wildlife Department office or by calling, **toll-free, 1-800-685-0361**.

PROHIBITED AREAS: All areas not specifically designated as Restricted or Approved are classified as Prohibited and are closed for the harvesting of molluscan shellfish.

RESTRICTED AREAS: (closed to the taking of shellfish)

That area of Chocolate Bay northwest of a line from Alligator Point to Intracoastal Waterway Channel Marker #23.

That area southwest of the Galveston Island Causeway Railroad Bridge and east of a line beginning at the northeast side of Greens Lake Cut, to West Bay Shellfish Marker D, southeast to West Bay Shellfish Marker C, to West Bay Shellfish Marker B, to West Bay Shellfish Marker A, to the end of the pier extending out from the last house at the west end of Sportsman's Road on Galveston Island, then extending to Hoecker's Point on Galveston Island.

All of the Intracoastal Waterway, Halls Lake, Cox Lake, Lost Lake, Lake Como, Oak Bayou, Cold Pass, Eckert Bayou, Bolivar Roads, the Lagoon, Salt Lake, Oyster Lake, Bastrop Bayou, Wolf Lake, Nick's Lake, Greens Lake, Carancahua Lake, Sydnor Bayou, Sweetwater Lake, Hance Bayou, Austin Bayou, Tucker Bayou, Dalehite Cove, Lake Como to the entrance at Dana Cove, and Maggie's Cove.

All of Drum Bay following a line from Rattlesnake Point 162 degrees southeast to the marsh, then south and west to the Intracoastal Waterway.

All areas within a 50 yard radius of recreational cabins and houseboats located on the bay.

All residential subdivision channels and harbor areas up to a radius of 300 yards offshore from the shoreline where the channels become land bound.

APPROVED AREAS: For current status, contact your local Texas Parks and Wildlife Department office, or call, toll-free, 1-800-685-0361.

The approved area of West Bay is that area inside of a line beginning at the southwest shoreline at the San Luis Pass Bridge, following the shoreline up to Intracoastal Waterway Channel Marker #23, then along the Intracoastal Waterway to Alligator Point, then following the shoreline to the southeast side of Greens Lake Cut, then to the West Bay Shellfish Marker D, then to West Bay Shellfish Marker C, then to West Bay Shell fish Marker B, then to West Bay Shellfish Marker A, to end of the pier extending out from last house on the west end of Sportsman's Road, to Hoecker's Point on Galveston Island, then in a southwesterly direction to a point of land between Dalehite Cove and Dana Cove, continuing in a southwesterly direction along the Galveston Island Shoreline (excluding Dana Cove, Butterrowe Bayou, Carancahua Cove, Jumbile Cove, Ostermayer Bayou, Bird Island Cove, Maggie's Cove, and Snake Island Cove), remaining 300 yards offshore from all residential subdivision channels and harbor areas where the channels become land bound, continuing along the shoreline to the northeast end of the San Luis Pass bridge and returning along the bridge pilings to the southwest shoreline of the San Luis Pass bridge.

All areas of Christmas Bay and Bastrop Bay southeast of the Intracoastal Waterway are approved.

Excluded from these areas are the restricted areas around cabins, houseboats, subdivision channels, and harbor areas described above.