

CLASSIFICATION OF SHELLFISH HARVESTING AREAS
OF
FREEPORT AREA
TEXAS DEPARTMENT OF STATE HEALTH SERVICES
SEAFOOD AND AQUATIC LIFE UNIT

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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 (in state only), 1-800-685-0361**.

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

RESTRICTED AREAS: (closed to the taking of shellfish)

All areas of Christmas Bay, Bastrop Bay, and Drum Bay southeast of the Intracoastal Waterway are restricted.

Cold Pass, Churchill Bayou, Titlum Tatum Bayou, Mud Cut, Oyster Lake, Alligator Lake, Bastrop Bayou, Lost Lake, Cox Lake, Big Slough, Salt Bayou, Salt Lake, Wolf Lake, Nicks Lake.

All contiguous waters of the Intracoastal Waterway from a point on the south side of Nick's Cut to and including the San Bernard River.

All of the Intracoastal Waterway, Freshwater Lake, Swan Lake, Oyster Creek, Horseshoe Lake, Freeport Harbor, Bryan Lake, Brazos River, Jones Lake, Jones Creek, Redfish Bayou, McNeal Lake, Pelican Lake, San Bernard River.

All of Cedar Lakes, Cedar Lake Bayou, and Cow Trap Lake and contiguous marshy areas.

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

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

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