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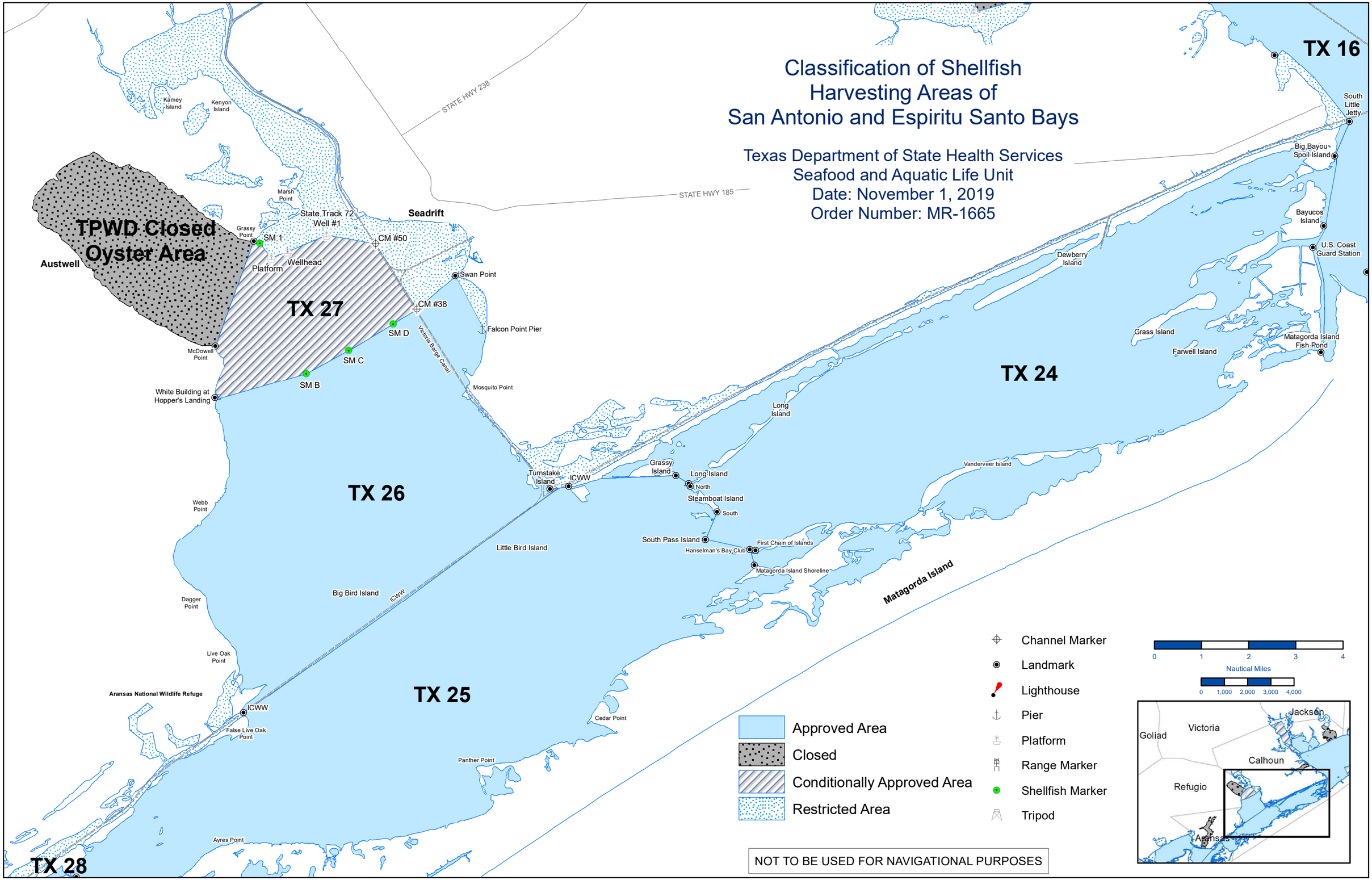

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The status of shellfish growing waters in Texas estuaries is subject to change by the Texas Department of State Health Services at any time. These changes may be due to high rainfall and runoff, flooding, hurricanes and other extreme weather conditions,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

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

RESTRICTED AREAS: (closed to the taking of shellfish)

That area inshore of a line from the end of the pier at Falcon Point Lodge (28.370421° N, 96.700149° W), to Swan Point (28.389238° N, 96.709998° W), then west-southwesterly to Channel Marker #38 (28.377380° N, 96.723660° W), then to Channel Marker #50 (28.40050° N, 96.73817° W) to State Tract 72, well #1 (28.40353° N, 96.75551° W) to the wellhead at 28.39776° N, 96.76926° W, to the platform at 28.39518° N, 96.77509° W, to SM 1 (28.40064° N, 96.77914° W) to Grassy Point (28.401487° N, 96.781290° W).

All of Hynes Bay north of a line from McDowell Point to grassy point (TPWD Oyster Closure area).

All of Boggy Bayou and that area of Matagorda Bay 500 yards offshore from the northern tip of Boggy Bayou parallel to the shoreline around Port O'Connor, to the Intracoastal Waterway.

All of the Intracoastal Waterway and inland waters where they become land bound between Aransas and San Antonio bays.

All of the Intracoastal Waterway and inland waters where they become land bound between San Antonio Bay and the end of the Little Jetties in Port O'Connor.

All areas within a 50-yard radius of houseboats and recreational cabins 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.

CONDITIONALLY APPROVED AREA: (Subject to status changes based upon meteorological or hydrological conditions)
If unsure of current status, contact your local Texas Parks and Wildlife Department office, or call, toll-free (in state only), 1-800-685-0361.

TX 27:
TX 27 is that area of San Antonio Bay offshore of the restricted areas described above southeastward to a line from the white building at Hopper's Landing (Lat. 28.346190° N, Long. 96.794983° W), east-northeasterly to Shellfish Marker B (Lat. 28.3545700° N, Long. 96.7627300° W), to Shellfish Marker C (Lat. 28.3628200° N, Long. 96.7476800° W), to Shellfish Marker D (Lat. 28.3722200° N, Long. 96.7320000° W), to Channel Marker #38.

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

TX 24:
TX 24 is that area of Espiritu Santo Bay east of a line from the Matagorda Island shoreline (Lat. 28.286887° N, Long. 96.604415° W) to the northeastern most building at Hasselman's Bay Club (Lat. 28.2925280° N, Long. 96.6060000° W) to the westernmost building on South Pass Island (Lat. 28.2960280° N, Long. 96.6216670° W) to the southeastern most point of land on Steamboat Island (Lat. 28.3058330° N, Long. 96.6175280° W) following the shoreline around to the Northeastern most point of land on Steamboat Island (Lat. 28.3148060° N, Long. 96.6270560° W) to Long Island (Lat. 28° 18' 55.0"N, Long. 96° 37' 39.3"W) to the east end of Grassy Island (Lat. 28.3185830° N, Long. 96.6321110° W) following the southwestern shoreline of Grassy Island to the Intracoastal Waterway (Lat. 28.3148060° N, Long. 96.6700000° W) and west of Pass Cavallo and northwest of Matagorda Island.

TX 25:
TX 25 is that area of San Antonio Bay east of a line starting from the northeastern tip of Roddy Island to the United States Fish and Wildlife Service (USFWS) marker located approximately 150 yards southeast of the northeastern tip of Roddy Island (Lat. 28.1740280° N, Long. 96.8445560° W) to the southernmost cabin at Ayres Dugout (Lat. 28.1684170° N, Long. 96.8323890° W) following the southwestern shoreline of the spoil islands located southeast of Ayres Dugout (Lat. 28.1702580° N, Long. 96.8294710° W), thence in an east-southeasterly (110 degrees) direction to the Matagorda Island Shoreline (Lat.28.1672890° N, Long. 96.8227870° W) and west of a line from the Matagorda Island shoreline (Lat. 28.286887° N, Long. 96.604415° W) to the northeastern most building at Hasselman's Bay Club (Lat. 28.2925280° N, Long. 96.6060000° W) to the westernmost building on South Pass Island (Lat. 28.2960280° N, Long. 96.6216670° W) to the southeastern most point of land on Steamboat Island (Lat. 28.3058330° N, Long. 96.6175280° W) following the shoreline around to the Northeastern most point of land on Steamboat Island (Lat. 28.3148060° N, Long. 96.6270560° W) to Long Island (Lat. 28.3157780° N, Long. 96.6275830° W) to the east end of Grassy Island (Lat. 28.3185830° N, Long. 96.6321110° W) following the southwestern shoreline of Grassy Island to the Intracoastal Waterway (Lat. 28.3148060° N, Long. 96.6700000° W)

TX 26:
TX 26 is defined by the area of San Antonio Bay that is offshore of the conditionally approved and restricted areas described above southeastward to the Intracoastal Waterway.

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