

TEXAS DEPARTMENT OF STATE HEALTH SERVICES

FISH AND SHELLFISH CONSUMPTION ADVISORY

ADV-28

This advisory is issued as a result of sampling of the Houston Ship Channel, the San Jacinto River (Tidal Portions), Tabbs Bay, and Upper Galveston Bay in Harris and Chambers Counties. Spotted seatrout samples collected from Upper Galveston Bay, Tabbs Bay, and the tidal portion of the San Jacinto River indicate the presence of polychlorinated biphenyls (PCBs) at concentrations that may pose a threat to human health if consumed. These waters are covered concurrently by ADV-3, issued in 1990 due to the presence of dioxins in catfish and blue crabs and ADV-20 issued in 2001 due to the presence of organochlorine pesticides and PCBs in all fish species upstream of the Lynchburg Ferry crossing and all contiguous waters, including the San Jacinto River below the U.S. Highway 90 Bridge.

COUNTY: Harris and Chambers Counties

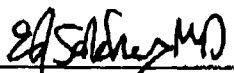
AREA: The Houston Ship Channel including the tidal portion of the San Jacinto River below the U.S. Highway 90 bridge, Tabbs Bay, and all contiguous waters and Upper Galveston Bay north of a line drawn from Red Bluff Point to Five Mile Cut Marker to Houston Point.

SPECIES AFFECTED: Spotted seatrout

CONSUMPTION ADVISORY: Persons should limit consumption of spotted seatrout from this area to no more than one eight-ounce meal per month. Women who are nursing, pregnant, or who may become pregnant and children should not consume spotted seatrout from these waters.

This advisory shall remain in effect until rescinded or modified in writing.

Issued this 27th day of January, 2005



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Commissioner