Classification of Shellfish Harvesting Areas of West Galveston Bay

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End of Texas City Dike

HSC #25

Bolivar Lighthouse

Pelican Island

Galveston Island

I-45 Causeway

North Deer Island

South Deer Island

Southwest Point of Land at Green's Lake Cut

SM C

SM D

SM A

SM B

Rock Groin

Galveston Island

Jamaica Beach

Alligator Point

CM #23

Areas classified on the back

Cold Pass

San Luis Pass

TPWD Closed Oyster Area

Area is classified on the Freeport Area Map.

FM-1764-RD
PALMER-HWY
FM-1764
HWY-1765
TEXAS-AVE
FM-2004-RD
STATE-HWY-146
FM-RD-519
MAIN-ST
FM-519
STATE-HWY-3
LOOP-197
STATE-HWY-6
FM-646-RD-S
FM-2004
STATE-LOOP-108
SEAWOLF-PKWY
SEAWALL-BLVD
AVENUE-A
STATE-HWY-87
SEAWALL-BLVD
FM-3005-RD
SAN-LUIS-PASS-RD

Channel Marker
Landmark
Lighthouse
Shellfish Marker

Approved Area
Restricted Area
Closed

N
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0 1 2 3 4
Nautical Miles
0 1,000 2,000 3,000 4,000
Yards

NOT TO BE USED FOR NAVIGATIONAL PURPOSES

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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.

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

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 a point (29.262740° N, 94.991620° W) on the north end of the spoil island on the south side of Greens 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 a point (29.255630° N, 94.918590° W) on the northeast end of the rock groin at the end of Sportsman's Road, then extending to Hoecker's Point on Galveston Island.

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

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

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

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

TX 9:
TX 9 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 south 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 a point (29.255630° N, 94.918590° W) on the northeast end of the rock groin at the 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.

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