Classification of Shellfish Harvesting Areas of Freeport Area

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TPWD Closed Oyster Area

All bodies of water in the area between these lines are classified as restricted and are closed to the harvesting of shellfish.

This area is classified on the East Matagorda Bay map.

Alligator Lake
Bastrop Bay
Bastrop Bayou
Mud Island
Cabin
Titlum Tatlum Bayou
Christmas Point
Point of Land
Point of Land
Point of Land
Cold Pass
Churchill Bayou
Follets Island
Follets Island
Salt Lake
Wolf Lake
Nicks Lake
Rattlesnake Pt
Intracoastal Waterway
Drum Bay
Stubblefield Lake
Chubb Lake
Oyster Creek
Horsehoe Lake
Cone Island
Swan Lake
Perry Landing
Velasco Heights
Gulf Park
East Union Bayou
Velasco
Freeport Harbor
Freeport
Lighthouse
Surfside Beach
Dow Barge Canal
Quintana
Brazos River
Jones Creek
Bryan Lake
Bryan Beach
San Bernard River
Cow Trap Lake
Cedar Lakes

Landmark

Approved Area
Restricted Area
Closed

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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 (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.

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)

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

Cold Pass, Churchill Bayou, Titlum Tatlum 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 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.