Areas classified on reverse side

Areas classified on the Matagorda map

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

Classification of Shellfish Harvesting Areas of East Matagorda Bay

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Seafood and Aquatic Life Operations Branch
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FM 521
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STATE HWY 60
CHINQUADIN RD
FM 457
CANEY DR
S CANEY DR
Caney Creek Cutoff #2
Turkey Island
SM A
SM I
SM H
SM G
SM F
SM C
SM 1
SM B
SM 2
SM 3
SM 4
SM K
TX 11
TX 12
Matagorda
S GULF RD
INGRAM ST
Egret Island
Matagorda Peninsula

Landmark
Shellfish Marker
Approved Area
Restricted Area

N
W
E
S

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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OF

EAST MATAGORDA BAY

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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, Conditionally Approved or 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 of the Intracoastal Waterway and inland waters, including but not limited to Lake Austin, Live Oak bayou, Caney Creek, McNeal Lake, Pelton Lake, Cow Trap and Cedar Lakes, San Bernard River, Colorado River, and all waters connected to the old Colorado River channel for a distance of 800 yards east of the river channel.

That area north of a line from the Matagorda Peninsula Shoreline (Lat. 28.709056° N; Long. 95.748021° W) to Shellfish Marker (SM) K, then to SM F, to SM G, to SM H, to SM I, to SM A, located near the western point of the spoil island southeast of Pelton Lake, then the area north heading down the spoil island to SM C, to SM B, and back to the spoil island, and all of the coastal waters in the area bounded by a line to the mouth of the San Bernard River.

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

TX 11:
That area of East Matagorda Bay east of a line from SM A, to SM 1, to SM 2, to SM 3, to SM 4, to the Matagorda Peninsula shoreline (Lat. 28.709056° N; Long. 95.748021° W) excluding the restricted areas described above.

TX 12:
That area of East Matagorda Bay west of a line from SM A, to SM 1, to SM 2, to SM 3, to SM 4, to the Matagorda Peninsula shoreline (Lat. 28.709056° N; Long. 95.748021° W) excluding the restricted areas described above.

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