Classification of Shellfish Harvesting Areas of Copano, Aransas, Mesquite and Redfish Bays

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TPWD Closed Oyster Area
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TX 25
TX 32
TX 30
TX 29
TX 33
ICWW
Panther Point
Rattlesnake Island
Ayres Point
Ayres Island
Roddy Island
USFWS Marker
NE Ayres Dugout
Southernmost Cabin
Matagorda Island Shoreline
Blackjack Peninsula
Bridwell Island
CM Cedar Dugout
Cedar Point
Ballou Island
Rattlesnake Reef
Matagorda Island
Windmill
Two Story Yellow-sided House
Holiday Beach
Lamar Peninsula
Newcomb Bend
Newcomb Point
Unnamed Point
Lamar
ST PARK 13
North Causeway
Double Wells
Blackjack Point
Island
End of Pier
Dunham Point
CM #7
Dunham Island
Hwy 35 Causeway
Redfish Point
South Causeway
CM #3
Last Shoreline House East of Bayside
Bayside
Copano Village
FM 1781
Live Oak Peninsula
Platform
Long Pier
FM 3036
Fulton
CM #1
Intracoastal Waterway
Grass Island
Unnamed Point
FM 2165
Key Allegro
Ninemile Point
Rockport
FM 1069
CM #2
CM #29
CM #7
Spoil Island
San Jose Island
Aransas Pass
FM 188
STATE HWY 35
Estes
City-By-The-Sea
Mud Island
Aliyns Bight
Blind Pass
Unnamed Point
RM #94
CM #93
Lydia Ann Island
SH 361
Redfish Bay
FM 2725
FM 136
FM 1360

Approved Area
Conditionally Approved Area
Prohibited Area
Restricted Area
Closed

Channel Marker
Landmark
Lighthouse
Pier
Platform
Range Marker
Shellfish Marker
Tripod

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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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 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 Mission Bay from the mouth inland.

That area of Copano Bay and the Aransas River west of a line from a point near the last shoreline house east of Bayside (Lat. 28.1148630° N; Long. 97.1854360° W) to a point due south to the end of long pier (Lat. 28.065449° N; Long. 97.190705° W) following the pier to shore.

That area of Copano Bay inshore of a line 200 yards offshore beginning at the southwestern end of the Highway 35 Causeway at the end of Live Oak Peninsula (Lat. 28.133269° N; Long. 97.010791° W) and extending west to Redfish Point and then south and west to Grass Island then southwest to unnamed point.

That area of Copano Bay north of a line beginning 200 yards south of the northern approach to the Highway 35 Causeway (Lat. 28.114973° N; Long. 97.023616° W), then in a Northwesterly direction to Newcomb Point.

That inshore area of Copano Bay from windmill (Lat. 28.1885490° N; Long. 97.0377120° W) and extending southeasterly to the two story yellow sided house (Lat. 28.173433° N; Long. 97.015950° W), then out 200 yards offshore and extending southerly to the mouth of the tributary entering Copano Bay at Newcomb Bend (Lat. 28.1575870° N, Long. 97.0145070° W).

That inshore area of St. Charles Bay northeast of a line from the end of the Goose Island State Park pier to the spoil island (Lat. 28.1222860° N; Long. 96.9690990° W), then east to Blackjack Point.

That inshore area of Aransas Bay adjacent to Fulton Beach west of a line 200 yards from the southern approach of the Highway 35 Causeway, to Channel Marker #3, to the production platform off Fulton Beach, to Fulton Channel Marker #1 off Fulton Harbor, to Marker #2 off Nine Mile Point, to Intracoastal Waterway Channel Marker #7.

That area of Aransas Bay north of a line beginning 300 yards south of the northern approach to the Highway 35 Causeway, extending easterly to a set of double wells off the west point of Goose Island, to the end of the pier at Goose Island, then northerly to an unnamed point of land located about 1,650 yards north of Hail Point.

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

All of Redfish Bay as indicated on the map on the reverse side.

All areas within 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 29:
TX 29 is that area of Aransas Bay west of a line from Cedar Point (Lat. 28.1497500° N; Long. 96.8819330° W) to the channel marker in Cedar Dugout near Cedar Point (Lat. 28.1498500° N; Long. 96.8806170° W), to the point of land on Ballou Island (Lat. 28.1329890° N; Long. 96.874346° W) that is located approximately 300 yards southwest of Rattlesnake Reef follows the St. Joseph Island shoreline to Lydia Ann Channel Island and then north to Channel Marker #93 (Lat. 27.8969270° N; Long. 97.0495190° W) and across the channel to Range Marker #92 (Lat. 28.8997890° N; Long. 96.0514680° W), then to an unnamed point (Lat. 28.9026290° N; Long. 96.0540150° W) following the shoreline north to Channel Marker #7, to Channel Marker #29 following along the Intracoastal Waterway north to Dunham Island and ending back at Cedar Point.

TX 30:
TX 30 is that area of Aransas Bay south of the Highway 35 Causeway and west of a line from the end of Goose Island State Park pier east to spoil island (Lat. 28.1222860° N; Long. 96.9690990° W) then to Blackjack Point, and east to Dunham Point to Channel Marker #7 in the Intracoastal waterway which proceeds south and west to Dunham Island, following the Intracoastal waterway south and west to Channel Marker #29, to Channel Marker #2 near Nine Mile Point, then to Fulton Channel Marker #1, to the production platform off Fulton Beach, to Channel Marker #3, to the southern approach of the Highway 35 Causeway, to the north approach of the Highway 35 Causeway, extending easterly to a set of double wells off the west point of Goose Island, and back to the end of the pier at Goose Island.

TX 32:
TX 32 is that area of Copano Bay north and west of the Highway 35 Causeway excluding the restricted areas described above.

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