Classification of Shellfish Harvesting Areas of South Bay

Texas Department of State Health Services
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0 1 2 3 4
Nautical Miles

0 1,000 2,000
Yards

Lower Laguna Madre Laguna Vista Cove Shoreline
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Laguna Vista
FM 510
FM 2480
SAN ROMAN BLVD RD
STATE HWY 100
TX 34
PADRE BLVD
RAMP
SH 100 CAUSEWAY
Port Isabel
Old Causeway
South Padre Island
CM #4
Lower Laguna Madre Brownsville Ship Channel Channel Marker #4
Clark Island
Long Island
CM #26
Lower Laguna Madre Brownsville Ship Channel Channel Marker #26
Brazos Island
Del Mar Beach
Laguna Heights
Laguna Larga
Vadia Ancha
Bahia Grande
AURA CRSG
Brownsville Ship Channel
TPWD Closed Oyster Area
Loma Ochoa
Loma del los Gachupines
Loma del Gato
Loma del la Banderita
Loma Plata
Loma Pelona
Loma del Burro
Loma del los Tequios
Mesa del Gavilan
Loma del la Lena Seca
Loma del las Vacas
Boca Chica Beach
Lower Rio Grande Valley National Wildlife Refuge
Boca Chica
San Martin Lake
STATE HWY 48
TEXAS
MEXICO
STATE HWY 4
Port Brownsville
FM 802
IOWA AVE
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FM 511

Approved Area
Restricted Area
Closed
Channel Marker
Landmark

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)

All of South Bay including the Intracoastal Waterway extending out 150 yards each side of the center.

All of the Brownsville Ship Channel extending 150 yards each side from the center of the channel and extending inland to the Brownsville Turning Basin.

All of the Rio Grande.

All of the Vadia Ancha, the Bahia Grande and San Martin Lake north of the Brownsville Ship Channel.

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

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