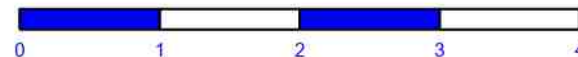


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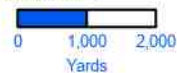
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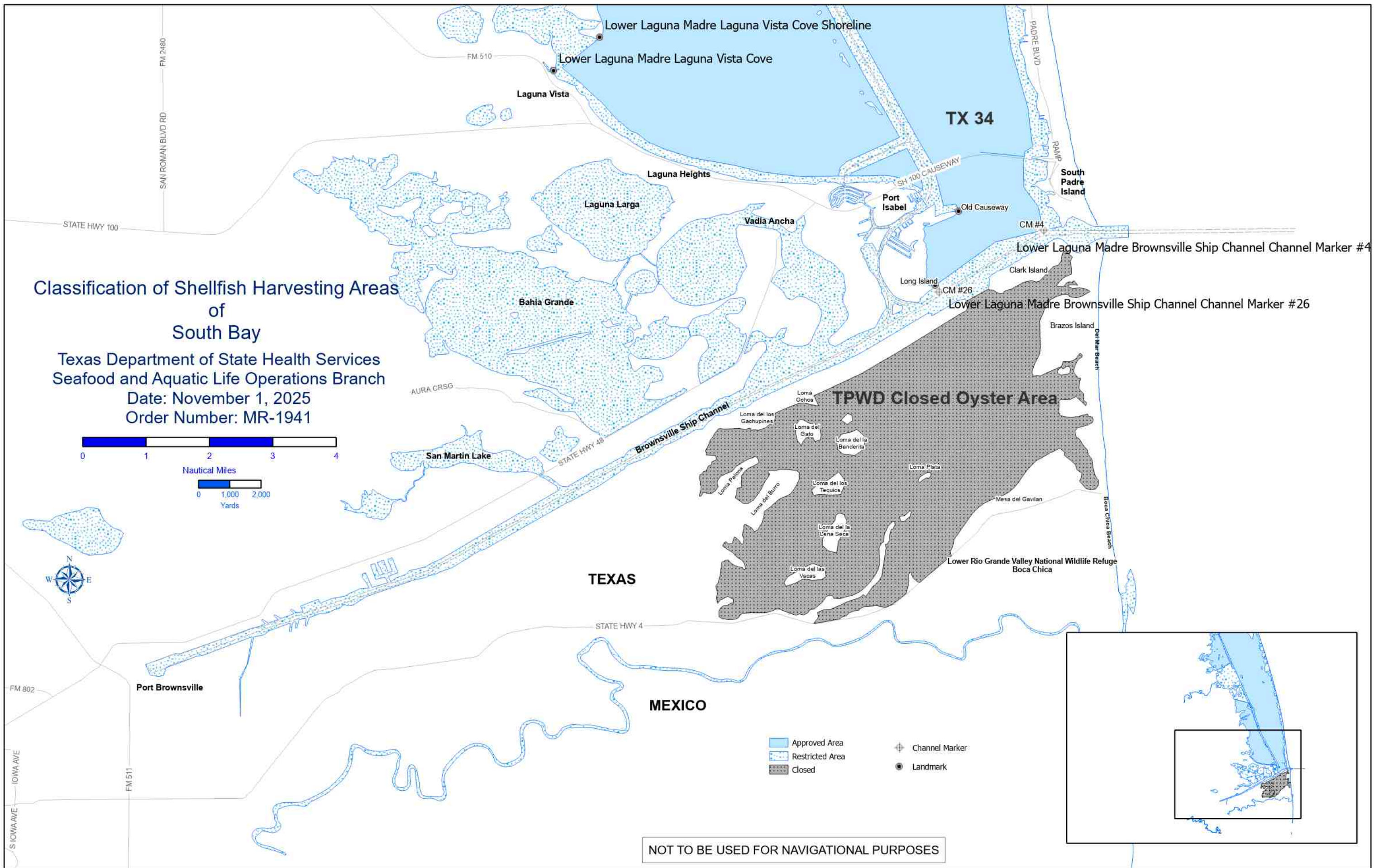
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Nautical Miles



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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.

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

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.