

**TEXAS DEPARTMENT OF STATE HEALTH SERVICES**

**FISH AND SHELLFISH CONSUMPTION ADVISORY**

**ADV-46**

This advisory is issued as a result of sampling of Sabine Lake located in Jefferson and Orange Counties, Texas. Gafftopsail catfish samples collected from Sabine Lake indicate the presence of polychlorinated biphenyls (PCBs) at concentrations exceeding health assessment guidelines established by the Texas Department of State Health Services (DSHS). Consumption of gafftopsail catfish from Sabine Lake may pose a threat to human health.

**COUNTIES:** Jefferson and Orange

**AREA:** All Texas waters of Sabine Lake including all contiguous Texas waters

**SPECIES AFFECTED:** Gafftopsail catfish

**CONSUMPTION ADVISORY:** The DSHS advises that adults should limit consumption of gafftopsail catfish to no more than three eight ounce meals per month and pregnant women, women who may become pregnant, women who are nursing infants, and children less than 12 years of age should limit consumption of gafftopsail catfish to no more than one four ounce meal per month.

This advisory shall remain in effect until rescinded or modified in writing.

Issued this 29<sup>th</sup> day of December, 2011



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Commissioner