

CLASSIFICATION OF SHELLFISH HARVESTING AREAS

OF

WEST GALVESTON BAY

TEXAS DEPARTMENT OF STATE HEALTH SERVICES SEAFOOD AND AQUATIC LIFE GROUP

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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)

That area of Chocolate Bay northwest of a line from Alligator Point to Intracoastal Waterway Channel Marker #23.

That area southwest of the Galveston Island Causeway Railroad Bridge and east of a line beginning at the northeast side of Greens Lake Cut, to West Bay Shellfish Marker D, southeast to West Bay Shellfish Marker C, to West Bay Shellfish Marker B, to West Bay Shellfish Marker A, to the last 3 story house at the west end of Sportsman's Road, then extending to Hoecker's Point on Galveston Island.

That area of Bastrop Bay north of a line beginning at the cabin located at the western mouth of Titlum Tatlum Bayou (29.079980°N, 95.165830W), to Christmas Point (29.080450° N, 95.171800°W).

That area east of a line beginning at the cabin at the western mouth of Titlum Tatlum Bayou (29.079980° N, 95.171800° W), heading south to point of an island near Mouth of Cold Pass (29.071322° N, 95.167464° W), then heading southwest along the shoreline to a point near Cold Pass (29.069652° N, 95.167942° W), then heading to a point of land between Churchill Bayou and Cold Pass (29.063401° N, 95.167148° W), then heading south and east to a point of land located on Follets Island near the mouth of Churchill Bayou (29.053984° N, 95.161812° W).

That area of Drum Bay west of a line from the southern end of Rattlesnake Point (29.024640° N, 95.214380° W), bearing 180° south to a point of land on Follets Island (29.018490° N, 95.214840° W).

Oyster Lake, Cold Pass, Churchill Bayou, Titlum Tatlum Bayou, Mud Cut, Alligator Lake, Bastrop Bayou, Lost Lake, Cox Lake, Big Slough, Salt Bayou, Salt Lake, Wolf Lake, Nicks Lake.

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

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

APPROVED AREAS: For current status, contact your local Texas Parks and Wildlife Department office, or call, toll-free, 1-800-685-0361.

TX 9:

TX 9 is that area inside of a line beginning at the southwest shoreline at the San Luis Pass Bridge, following the shoreline up to Intracoastal Waterway Channel Marker #23, then along the Intracoastal Waterway to Alligator Point, then following the shoreline to the southeast side of Greens Lake Cut, then to the West Bay Shellfish Marker D, then to West Bay Shellfish Marker C, then to West Bay Shellfish Marker B, then to West Bay Shellfish Marker A, to the last 3 story house at the west end of Sportsman's Road, to Hoecker's Point on Galveston Island, then in a southwesterly direction to a point of land between Dalehite Cove and Dana Cove, continuing in a southwesterly direction along the Galveston Island Shoreline (excluding Dana Cove, Butterrowe Bayou, Carancahua Cove, Jumbile Cove, Ostermayer Bayou, Bird Island Cove, Maggie's Cove, and Snake Island Cove), remaining 300 yards offshore from all residential subdivision channels and harbor areas where the channels become land bound, continuing along the shoreline to the northeast end of the San Luis Pass bridge and returning along the bridge pilings to the southwest shoreline of the San Luis Pass bridge.

TX 10:

TX 10 is the area located in Christmas Bay south of a line beginning at the cabin located at the western mouth of Titlum Tatlum Bayou (29.079980°N, 95.165830W), to Christmas Point (29.080450° N, 95.171800°W), then following southwestward along the Christmas Bay shoreline to the southern end of Rattlesnake Point (29.024640° N, 95.214380° W), inside of a line bearing 180° south to a point of land on Follets Island (29.018490° N, 95.214840° W), then following the shoreline east northeastward to a point of land located on Follets Island near the mouth of Churchill Bayou (29.053984° N, 95.161812° W), then heading northwest to an point of land between Churchill Bayou and Cold Pass (29.063401° N, 95.167148° W), then continuing northwestward to a point of land near Cold Pass (29.069652° N, 95.167942° W), following the shoreline north to a point of land near the Mouth of Cold Pass (29.071322° N, 95.167464° W), then headed north returning to the cabin located at the western mouth of Titlum Tatlum Bayou (29.079980°N, 95.165830W).

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