

TEXAS DEPARTMENT OF HEALTH
ORDER NO. AL-1

WHEREAS, the Department of Health is charged by Article 4477-1c, Section 3, Vernon's Texas Codes Annotated, to establish by order the areas which are prohibited and unsatisfactory for the taking of aquatic life that is unfit for human consumption, and

WHEREAS, it is desirable to classify public water within the jurisdiction of the state in accordance with recent sanitary, chemical or bacteriological survey information, and

WHEREAS, mercury levels in finfish and crabs in an area of Lavaca Bay exceed the established guideline, and


WHEREAS, this results in the finfish and crabs in this area being unfit for human consumption,

THEREFORE, the Commissioner of Health issues the following order:

The area of Lavaca Bay inshore of a line drawn from the southwestern most point of land at Cox Point to Channel MK #74, thence in a northwesterly direction to Channel MK #12, and thence in a northerly direction to the last part of land at the northeastern approach of the Port Lavaca Causeway, as outlined on the map dated April 21, 1988, is declared a prohibited area for the taking of finfish and crabs, effective 12:01 a.m., April 21, 1988.

This order shall remain in full force and effect until rescinded or modified by further written order.

Issued this 20th day of April, 1988.



Robert Bernstein, M.D., F.A.C.P.
Commissioner of Health

CLASSIFICATION OF LAVACA BAY
FOR THE TAKING OF FINFISH AND CRABS

Texas Department of Health
Division of Shellfish Sanitation Control

Issued Under Authority of Article 4477-1c, Section 3
Vernon's Texas Codes Annotated

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The term "Prohibited Areas" as used herein applies only to the taking of finfish and crabs for human consumption and is not intended to imply that such areas may not be acceptable for other activities.

The classification map of Lavaca Bay is subject to change if sanitary, chemical or microbiological surveys indicate the need for such changes.

Prohibited areas closed to the taking of finfish and crabs:

That area of Lavaca Bay inshore of a line drawn from the southwestern most point of land at Cox Point to Channel MK #74, thence in a northwesterly direction to Channel MK #12, and thence in a northerly direction to the last part of land at the northeastern approach of the Port Lavaca Causeway.

Areas approved for the taking of finfish and crabs:

All other areas of Lavaca, Cox and Keller Bays not specifically defined above are approved for the taking of finfish and crabs.