

TEXAS DEPARTMENT OF HEALTH

FISH AND SHELLFISH CONSUMPTION ADVISORY

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The Texas Department of Health hereby advises all persons consuming fish and shellfish from the waters of the State of Texas that the fish and shellfish described below taken from the described area should be consumed in quantities no greater than those indicated.

This advisory is issued as a result of dioxin contamination of the described species. Dioxin is a probable human carcinogen, and may also cause other human health effects, particularly liver abnormalities and reproductive effects. Health concerns from dioxin are related to long term, regular consumption of fish and shellfish contaminated with the persistent chemical.

AREA: The Houston Ship Channel and all contiguous waters, and upper Galveston Bay north of a line drawn from Red Bluff Point to Five Mile Cut Marker to Houston Point.

SPECIES AFFECTED: Catfish and blue crabs.

CONSUMPTION ADVISORY:

- A. No more than one meal, not to exceed eight ounces, each month.
- B. Women of child-bearing age and children should not consume any catfish or blue crabs from this area.

This advisory shall remain in effect until rescinded or modified in writing.

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Commissioner of Health