

**TEXAS DEPARTMENT OF STATE HEALTH SERVICES**

**FISH AND SHELLFISH CONSUMPTION ADVISORY**

**ADV-35**

This advisory is issued as a result of sampling of Trinity Bay and Upper and Lower Galveston Bay in Chambers, Galveston, and Harris Counties. Gaftopsail catfish and spotted seatrout collected from Trinity Bay and Upper and Lower Galveston Bay indicates the presence of polychlorinated dibenzo-p-dioxins and polychlorinated dibenzofurans (PCDDs/PCDFs or “Dioxin”) and polychlorinated biphenyls (PCBs) at concentrations exceeding health assessment guidelines established by the Texas Department of State Health Services (DSHS). Consumption of catfish species and spotted seatrout from Galveston Bay may pose a threat to human health.

**COUNTY:** Brazoria, Chambers, Galveston, and Harris Counties

**AREA:** Galveston Bay including Chocolate Bay, East Bay, West Bay, Trinity Bay and contiguous waters.

**SPECIES AFFECTED:** All catfish species and spotted seatrout

**CONSUMPTION ADVISORY:** Persons should limit consumption of catfish and spotted seatrout from this area to no more than one eight-ounce meal per month. Women who are nursing, pregnant, or who may become pregnant and children should not consume catfish or spotted seatrout from these waters.

This advisory shall remain in effect until rescinded or modified in writing.

Issued this 8th day of July, 2008



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Commissioner