TEXAS DEPARTMENT OF STATE HEALTH SERVICES

FISH AND SHELLFISH CONSUMPTION ADVISORY

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This advisory is issued as a result of sampling of the Galveston Bay Estuary located in Brazoria, Chambers, Galveston, and Harris Counties, Texas. Blue crab and fish samples collected from the estuary indicate the presence of polychlorinated biphenyls (PCBs) and polychlorinated dibenzo-p-dioxins and dibenzofurans (PCDDs/PCDFs) at concentrations exceeding health assessment guidelines established by the Texas Department of State Health Services (DSHS). Consumption of blue crab, catfish, and spotted seatrout from the Galveston Bay Estuary may pose a threat to human health.

COUNTIES: Brazoria, Chambers, Galveston, and Harris

AREA: Upper Galveston Bay and all contiguous waters north of a line from Red Bluff Point to Five-Mile Cut Marker to Houston Point **(Map 1)**

Contaminants of Concern	Species Affected	Women of Childbearing Age and Children < 12	Women Past Childbearing Age and Adult Men
Dioxins and PCBs	All species of catfish, spotted seatrout, and blue crab	**DO NOT EAT**	1 meal/month

AREA: Galveston Bay and all contiguous waters including Chocolate Bay, East Bay, Trinity Bay, and West Bay **(Map 2)**

Contaminants of Concern	Species Affected	Women of Childbearing Age and Children < 12	Women Past Childbearing Age and Adult Men
Dioxins and PCBs	All species of catfish	**DO NOT EAT**	1 meal/month

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