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Health Department Lifts Swimming Advisory

GLYNN COUNTY, GA— The Glynn County Health Department has lifted the swimming advisory for North Beach at Gould's Inlet on St. Simons Island. The North Beach area runs from 10th to 15th Street on St. Simons Island. The advisory was issued February 11th after a routine water quality test showed a high level of enterococci bacteria, which increases the risk of gastrointestinal illness in swimmers.

However, water samples taken Thursday, February 12th, showed that the bacteria levels had dropped below Environmental Protection Agency's recommended limits. Therefore, the advisory has been lifted, and there are no St. Simons Island or Glynn County beaches currently under advisory.

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