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NEWS RELEASE

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Health Department Lifts Advisory for Clam Creek Beach; **Advisory for St. Andrews Remains**

GLYNN COUNTY, GA— The Glynn County Health Department has lifted the advisory for Clam Creek Beach (from Clam Creek to the old North picnic area) on Jekyll Island. The advisory for St. Andrews Beach (from Macy Lane to St. Andrews picnic area) remains in place

The advisory for Clam Creek Beach was issued on November 9, 2011, after routine water quality tests showed a high level of enterococci bacteria which increase the risk of gastrointestinal illness in swimmers. Subsequent water samples taken showed that the bacteria levels had dropped below Environmental Protection Agency's recommended limits. Therefore, the advisory has been lifted. Because bacteria levels remain higher than normal for St. Andrews Beach, that beach is still under advisory.

The Glynn County Health Department recommends you do not swim or wade in the water in the area under advisory. Fish and other seafood caught from this area should be thoroughly washed with fresh water and thoroughly cooked before eating.

The area will be retested and the advisory will be lifted when tests show the bacteria levels meet the Environmental Protection Agency's recommended standard.