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NEWS RELEASE

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Health Department Lifts Advisory for Jekyll Clam Creek Beach; Advisory for St. Andrews Beach Remains in Place

GLYNN COUNTY, GA— The Glynn County Health Department has lifted the swimming advisory for Clam Creek Beach. The Clam Creek area is from Clam Creek to the Old North picnic area on Jekyll Island. The Advisory was originally issued on March 3, 2011.

Subsequent water samples taken showed that the bacteria levels had dropped below Environmental Protection Agency's recommended limits. Therefore, the advisory has been lifted

The Advisory issued for the St. Andrews Beach area remains. The St. Andrews Beach area is from Macy Lane to the St. Andrews picnic area. The advisory was issued after routine water quality tests showed a high level of enterococci bacteria, which increase the risk of gastrointestinal illness in swimmers.

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.