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> Jekyll St. Andrews Advisory Lifted; Advisories Issued for Jekyll Clam Creek Beach and St. Simons North Beach at Goulds Inlet

GLYNN COUNTY, GA – The Glynn County Health Department has lifted the swimming advisory for Jekyll St. Andrews Beach (from Macy Lane to St. Andrews picnic area). The Glynn County Health Department has placed Clam Creek Beach on Jekyll Island (from Clam Creek to the old north picnic area) and North Beach at Goulds Inlet on St. Simons Island (from 15th to 10th Street) under advisory.

Routine water quality tests from samples taken October 25 show the beach water at Clam Creek on Jekyll and North Beach on St. Simons contains a high level of enterococci bacteria, which increase the risk of gastrointestinal illness in swimmers. Bacterial levels for St. Andrews Beach have dropped below Environmental Protection Agency's recommended limits. Therefore, the advisory for that beach has been lifted.

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

The areas will be retested and the advisories will be lifted when tests show the bacteria levels meet the Environmental Protection Agency's recommended standards.

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