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> Advisory for Jekyll Clam Creek Lifted; St. Andrews Beach Remains Under Advisory

**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) on Jekyll remains.

Routine water quality tests from samples taken May 29 at both locations showed a high level of enterococci bacteria which increase the risk of gastrointestinal illness in swimmers. Subsequent samples show that bacteria levels Clam Creek Beach are now within acceptable limits; therefore the advisory for that area has been lifted.

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

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

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