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912.644.5217**Health Department Lifts Swimming Advisory on St. Simons Island**
Three Other Glynn County Beaches Still Under Advisory

GLYNN COUNTY, GA— The Glynn County Health Department has lifted the swimming advisory for the North Beach at Goulds Inlet area, which is from 15th to 10th streets on St. Simons Island. The advisory was issued last week after routine water quality tests showed a high level of enterococci bacteria, which increase the risk of gastrointestinal illness in swimmers. However, water samples taken Tuesday, October 30th, showed that the bacteria levels had dropped below Environmental Protection Agency's recommended limits. Therefore, the advisory has been lifted.

Three other Glynn County beaches remain under advisory. They are Reimolds Pasture (the eastern shore of Buttermilk Sound), Clam Creek Beach and St. Andrews Beach on Jekyll Island. These areas will be retested tomorrow, and results should be available Friday. The advisories will be lifted when tests show the bacteria levels meet the Environmental Protection Agency's recommended standard.

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