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### **Health Department Issues Swimming Advisory**

**GLYNN COUNTY, GA**— The Glynn County Health Department has placed North Beach at Gould's Inlet on St. Simons Island under advisory. Routine water quality tests from samples taken March 10<sup>th</sup> show the beach water in this area contains a high level of enterococci bacteria, which increase the risk of gastrointestinal illness in swimmers.

The North Beach area at Gould's Inlet runs from 10<sup>th</sup> to 15<sup>th</sup> Street on St. Simons Island. Advisory signs are posted. The Glynn County Health Department recommends you do not swim or wade in the water in this area. Fish and other seafood caught from this area should be thoroughly washed with fresh water and thoroughly cooked before eating.

The North Beach area on St. Simons Island will be retested March 12th, and results should be available the next day. The advisory will be lifted when tests show the bacteria levels meet the Environmental Protection Agency's recommended standard. All other beach areas in Glynn County tested at acceptable levels.

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