NEWS RELEASE
August 12, 2011

Contact: Sally Silbermann
912.644.5217

Jekyll St. Andrews Beach Advisory Lifted; Clam Creek Beach Advisory Remains

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). Clam Creek Beach (from Clam Creek to the Old North Picnic area) is still under advisory.

Routine water quality tests from samples taken August 11 show the beach water at the Clam Creek site 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 area under advisory. Fish and other seafood caught from both areas should be thoroughly washed with fresh water and thoroughly cooked before eating.

Jekyll Clam Creek will be retested and the advisory will be lifted when tests show the bacteria levels meet the Environmental Protection Agency’s recommended standards.

###