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**St. Simons Island South Beach Advisory Lifted;
Advisories for Jekyll St. Andrews Beach and Clam Creek Beach Remain**

GLYNN COUNTY, GA— The Glynn County Health Department has lifted the swimming advisory for St. Simons Island South Beach at the lighthouse (from 9th Street to the pier).

The advisory was issued on April 20, 2011 after routine water quality tests showed a high level of enterococci bacteria which increase the risk of gastrointestinal illness in swimmers. Subsequent water samples taken showed that the bacteria levels had dropped below Environmental Protection Agency's recommended limits. Therefore, the advisory has been lifted.

Advisories for St. Andrews Beach (from Macy Lane to St. Andrews picnic area) and Clam Creek Beach (from Clam Creek to the old north picnic area) on Jekyll Island remain in place.

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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