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**South Beach Advisory Lifted; 5<sup>th</sup> Street Crossover Beach Advisory Remains**

**GLYNN COUNTY, GA** – The advisory for South Beach at the lighthouse (from 9<sup>th</sup> Street to the pier) on St. Simons Island has been lifted by the Glynn County Health Department. The advisory for 5<sup>th</sup> Street Crossover Beach (from Cedar Street to 9<sup>th</sup> Street) remains.

Routine water quality tests from samples taken May 9 at these locations showed a high level of enterococci bacteria which increase the risk of gastrointestinal illness in swimmers. Subsequent samples show that bacteria levels at South Beach are now within acceptable limits; therefore the advisory for that area has been lifted. Bacteria levels at the 5<sup>th</sup> Street Crossover location remain above normal; therefore an advisory for that beach is still in effect.

The Glynn County Health Department recommends you do no swim or wade in the water in the area under advisory. Fish and other seafood caught from is area should be thoroughly washed with fresh water and thoroughly cooked before eating.

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

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