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## Advisory for St Simons North Beach at Goulds Inlet Lifted; 5<sup>th</sup> Street Crossover Beach Remains Under Advisory

**GLYNN COUNTY, GA** – The Glynn County Health Department has lifted the advisory for North Beach at Goulds Inlet (from 15<sup>th</sup> Street to 10<sup>th</sup> Street) on St. Simons. The advisory for 5<sup>th</sup> Street Crossover Beach (from Cedar Street to 9<sup>th</sup> Street) on St. Simons remains.

Routine water quality tests from samples taken June 7 at the 5<sup>th</sup> Street Crossover and Goulds Inlet location showed a high level of enterococci bacteria which increase the risk of gastrointestinal illness in swimmers. Subsequent samples show that bacteria levels at North Beach at Goulds Inlet are now within acceptable limits; therefore the advisory for that area 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 this area should be thoroughly washed with fresh water and thoroughly cooked before eating.

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

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