

TEXAS DEPARTMENT OF STATE HEALTH SERVICES

FISH AND SHELLFISH CONSUMPTION ADVISORY

ADV-47

This advisory is issued as a result of sampling of the northwestern Gulf of Mexico (NWGOM).

Blue marlin and swordfish samples collected from the NWGOM indicate the presence of

mercury at concentrations exceeding health assessment guidelines established by the Texas

Department of State Health Services (DSHS). Consumption of fish from the NWGOM may pose

a threat to human health.

COUNTIES: Aransas, Brazoria, Calhoun, Cameron, Chambers, Galveston, Jefferson, Kenedy, Kleberg, Matagorda, Nueces, Refugio, San Patricio and Willacy

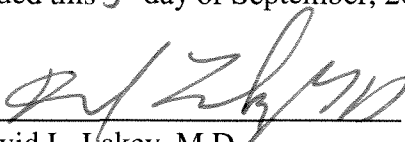
AREA: All waters off the Texas Coast

CONSUMPTION ADVISORY:

Species Affected	Women of Childbearing Age and Children < 12	Women Past Childbearing Age and Adult Men
Blue marlin	DO NOT EAT	DO NOT EAT
Swordfish	DO NOT EAT	2 meals/month

This advisory shall remain in effect until rescinded or modified in writing.

Issued this 5 day of September, 2012



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Commissioner