

**TEXAS DEPARTMENT OF STATE HEALTH SERVICES**

**FISH AND SHELLFISH CONSUMPTION ADVISORY**

**ADV-49**

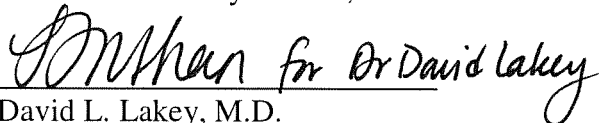
This advisory is issued as a result of sampling of the Houston Ship Channel and the San Jacinto River tidal located in Harris County, Texas. Blue crab and fish samples collected from the estuary indicate the presence of polychlorinated biphenyls (PCBs) and polychlorinated dibenzo-p-dioxins and dibenzofurans (PCDDs/PCDFs) at concentrations exceeding health assessment guidelines established by the Texas Department of State Health Services (DSHS). Consumption of blue crab and fish from the Houston Ship Channel and San Jacinto River tidal may pose a threat to human health.

**COUNTIES:** Harris

**AREA:** The Houston Ship Channel and all contiguous waters north of the Fred Hartman Bridge, State Highway 146 including the San Jacinto River below the Lake Houston Dam

<b>Contaminants of Concern</b>	<b>Species Affected</b>	<b>Women of Childbearing Age and Children &lt; 12</b>	<b>Women Past Childbearing Age and Adult Men</b>
Dioxins, organochlorine pesticides, and PCBs	All species of fish and blue crab	<b>DO NOT EAT</b>	1 meal/month

Issued this 26<sup>th</sup> day of June, 2013

  
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Commissioner