

**TEXAS DEPARTMENT OF STATE HEALTH SERVICES**

**FISH AND SHELLFISH CONSUMPTION ADVISORY**

**ADV-48**

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

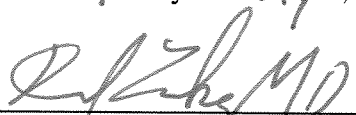
**AREA:** All waters off the Texas Coast

**CONSUMPTION ADVISORY:**

<b>Species Affected</b>	<b>Women of Childbearing Age and Children &lt; 12</b>	<b>Women Past Childbearing Age and Adult Men</b>
Blackfin tuna	<b>DO NOT EAT</b>	2 meals/month
Blue marlin	<b>DO NOT EAT</b>	<b>DO NOT EAT</b>
Little tunny "Bonito"	<b>DO NOT EAT</b>	2 meals/month
Crevalle jack	<b>DO NOT EAT</b>	2 meals/month
King mackerel < 35 inches	<b>DO NOT EAT</b>	1 meal/week
King mackerel > 35 inches	<b>DO NOT EAT</b>	2 meals/month
Shark (all species)	<b>DO NOT EAT</b>	2 meals/month
Swordfish	<b>DO NOT EAT</b>	2 meals/month
Wahoo	<b>DO NOT EAT</b>	2 meals/month

This advisory shall remain in effect until rescinded or modified in writing.

Issued this 7<sup>th</sup> day of May, 2013



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Commissioner