

**TEXAS DEPARTMENT OF HEALTH**  
**FISH AND SHELLFISH CONSUMPTION ADVISORY**

**ADV-20**

This advisory is issued as a result of sampling of the Houston Ship Channel and the San Jacinto River in Harris County. Samples of fish taken from the Houston Ship Channel upstream of the Lynchburg Ferry crossing and from the San Jacinto River downstream of the U.S. Highway 90 bridge indicate the presence of organochlorine pesticides and PCBs at concentrations that may pose a threat to human health if consumed. These waters are covered concurrently by ADV-3, issued in 1990 due to the presence of dioxins in catfish and blue crabs.

COUNTY: Harris


AREA: The Houston Ship Channel upstream of the Lynchburg Ferry crossing and all contiguous waters, including the San Jacinto River below the U.S. Highway 90 bridge.

SPECIES AFFECTED: All species of fish.

CONSUMPTION ADVISORY: Persons should limit consumption of all fish species from this area to no more than one eight-ounce meal per month. Women who are nursing, pregnant, or who may become pregnant and children should not consume any species of fish from these waters.

This advisory shall remain in effect until rescinded or modified in writing.

Issued this 9<sup>th</sup> day of October, 2001

  
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