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# Introduction

The Texas Water Quality Management Plan (WQMP) is the product of a wastewater treatment facility planning process developed and updated in accordance with provisions of Sections 205(j), 208, and 303 of the federal Clean Water Act (CWA), as amended. The WQMP is an important part of the State's program for accomplishing its clean water goals.<sup>1</sup>

The Texas Department of Water Resources, a predecessor agency of the Texas Commission on Environmental Quality (TCEQ), prepared the initial WQMP for waste treatment management during the late 1970s. The Clean Water Act mandates that the WQMP be updated as needed to fill information gaps and revise earlier certified and approved plans. Any updates to the plan need involve only the elements of the plan that require modification. The original plan and its subsequent updates are collectively referred to as the State of Texas Water Quality Management Plan.

The WQMP is tied to the State's water quality assessments that identify priority water quality problems. The WQMPs are used to direct planning for implementation measures that control and/or prevent water quality problems. Several elements may be contained in the WQMP, such as effluent limitations of wastewater facilities, total maximum daily loads (TMDLs), nonpoint source management controls, identification of designated management agencies, and ground water and source water protection planning. Some of these elements may be contained in separate documents which are prepared independently of the current WQMP update process, but may be referenced as needed to address planning for water quality control measures.

This document, as with previous updates<sup>2</sup>, will become part of the WQMP after completion of its public participation process, certification by the TCEQ on behalf of the Governor of Texas, and approval by the Environmental Protection Agency (EPA).

The materials presented in this document revise only the information specifically addressed in the following sections. Previously certified and approved water quality management plans remain in effect.

The April 2012 WQMP update addresses the following topics:

1. Projected Effluent Limits Updates for water quality planning purposes
2. Service Area Population for Municipal Wastewater Facilities
3. Designation of Management Agencies for Municipal Wastewater Facilities
4. Total Maximum Daily Load Updates

The Projected Effluent Limit Update section provides information compiled from

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<sup>1</sup> A formal definition for a water quality management plan is found in 40 Code of Federal Regulations (CFR) 130.2(k).

<sup>2</sup> Fiscal Years 1974, 1975, 1977, 1978, 1979, 1980, 1981, 1982, 1983, 1984/85, 1986/88, 1989, 1990, 1991, 1992, 1993/94, 1995, 1996, 1997/98, 02/1999, 05/1999, 07/1999, 10/1999, 01/2000, 04/2000, 07/2000, 10/2000, 01/2001, 04/2001, 07/2001, 10/2001, 01/2002, 04/2002, 07/2002, 10/2002, 01/2003, 04/2003, 07/2003, 10/2003, 01/2004, 04/2004, 07/2004, 10/2004, 01/2005, 04/2005, 07/2005, 10/2005, 01/2006, 04/2006, 07/2006, 10/2006, 01/2007, 04/2007, 07/2007, 10/2007, 01/2008, 04/2008, 07/2008, 10/2008, 01/2009, 04/2009, 07/2009, 10/2009, 01/2010, 04/2010, 07/2010, 10/2010, 01/2011, 04/2011, 07/2011, 10/2011, BPUB 2011, and 01/2012.

February 1, 2012 through April 30, 2012, and is based on water quality standards, and may be used for water quality planning purposes in Texas Pollutant Discharge Elimination System (TPDES) permit actions.

The Service Area Population and Designation of Management Agencies sections for municipal wastewater facilities has been developed and evaluated by the TCEQ in cooperation with the Texas Water Development Board (TWDB) and regional water quality management planning agencies.

The Total Maximum Daily Load (TMDL) Update section provides information on proposed waste load allocations for new dischargers and revisions to existing TMDLs and has been developed by the Water Quality Planning Division, TMDL Program.

## Projected Effluent Limit Updates

Table 1 reflects proposed effluent limits for new dischargers and preliminary revisions to original proposed effluent limits for preexisting dischargers (MGD-Million Gallons per Day, CBOD<sub>5</sub> – 5 Day Carbonaceous Biochemical Oxygen Demand, NH<sub>3</sub>-N – Ammonia-Nitrogen, BOD<sub>5</sub> – 5 Day Biochemical Oxygen Demand and DO – Dissolved Oxygen).

Effluent flows indicated in Table 1 reflect future needs and do not reflect current permits for these facilities. These revisions may be useful for water quality management planning purposes. The effluent flows and constituent limits indicated in the table have been preliminarily determined to be appropriate to satisfy the stream standards for dissolved oxygen in their respective receiving waters. These flow volumes and effluent sets may be modified at the time of permit action. These limits are based on water quality standards effective at the time of the TCEQ production of this update. Water Quality Standards are subject to revision on a triennial basis.

Table 1. Projected Effluent Limit Updates

State Permit Number	Segment Number	EPA ID Number	Permittee Name County	Flow (MGD)	CBOD <sub>5</sub> (mg/L)	CBOD <sub>5</sub> (lbs/day)	NH <sub>3</sub> -N (mg/L)	NH <sub>3</sub> -N (lbs/day)	BOD <sub>5</sub> (mg/L)	BOD <sub>5</sub> (lbs/day)	DO (mg/L)	Months/ Comments
10063-003	0504	0076953	City of Center Shelby	1.77	20	295.24	3	44.29			6	Outfall 001
			Note: Discharge via either Outfall 001 or Outfall 002; total authorized flow = 1.77 MGD	1.77	5	73.81	2	29.52			6	Outfall 002
10232-004	1804	0133248	New Braunfels Utilities Guadalupe	9.9	10	825.66	3	247.70			4	Outfall 001
			Note: Discharge via either Outfall 001 or Outfall 002; total authorized flow = 9.9 MGD	9.9	10	825.66	3	247.70			4	Outfall 002
11600-001	0823	0053783	Town of Little Elm Denton	4.0	5	166.80	1.5	50.04			6	
13579-001	0804	0110035	City of Teague and City of Fairfield Freestone	0.40					10	33.36	4	
13981-001	0814	0020567	Avalon Water Supply and Sewer Service Corporation Ellis	0.040					20	6.67	4	
15030-001	1903	0133442	Forest Glen Utility Company Medina	0.048					20	8.01	2	
15031-001	1202	0133451	Chappell Hill Service Company, L.L.C. Washington	0.40	10	33.36	3	10.01			4	

## Planning Information Summary

The Water Quality Planning Division of the TCEQ coordinated with the TWDB and regional planning agencies to compile the wastewater facility information in this section. Domestic facility financing decisions under the State Revolving Loan Fund (SRF) program must be consistent with the certified and approved WQMP.

The purpose of this section is to present data reflecting facility planning needs, including previous water quality management plan needs requiring revision. Data are also presented to update other plan information for the TWDB's SRF projects. Table 2 contains the updated Service area population information. The table is organized in alphabetical order and includes the following 10 categories of information:

1. Planning Area – Area for which facility needs are proposed. The facility planning areas are subject to change during the facility planning process and any such changes will be documented in a later water quality management plan update. All planning areas listed are also designated management agencies (DMAs) unless otherwise noted in the “Comments” column.
2. Service Area – Area that receives the provided wastewater service.
3. Needs – A “T” indicates a need for either initial construction of a wastewater treatment plant, additional treatment capacity, or the upgrading of a wastewater treatment plant to meet existing or more stringent effluent requirements. A “C” indicates a need for improvements to, expansion of, rehabilitation of, or the initial construction of a wastewater collection system in the facility planning area. “T/C” indicates a need for both treatment and collection system facilities. More detailed facility planning conducted during a construction project may define additional needs and those needs will be reflected in a future update to the WQMP.
4. Needs Year – The year in which the needs were identified for the planning area.
5. Basin Name – The river basin or designated planning area where the entity is located. The seven water quality management planning areas designated by the Governor are Corpus Christi [Coastal Bend Council of Governments (CBCOG)], Killeen-Temple [Central Texas Council of Governments (CTCOG)], Texarkana [Ark-Tex Council of Governments (ATCOG)], Southeast Texas [South East Texas Regional Planning Council (SETRPC)], Lower Rio Grande Valley [Lower Rio Grande Valley Development Council (LRGVDC)], Dallas-Fort Worth [North Central Texas Council of Governments (NCTCOG)] and Houston [Houston-Galveston Area Council (H-GAC)]. Basin names are shown for agencies outside one of these areas.
6. Segment – The classified stream segment or tributary into which any recommended facility may discharge existing or projected wastewater. In the case of no-discharge facilities, this is the classified stream segment drainage area in which the facilities are located.
7. County – The county in which the facility planning area is located.
8. Date – The date the planning information was reviewed by the TCEQ.

9. Comments – Additional explanation or other information concerning the facility planning area.
10. Population – The base year and projected populations for each facility planning area. Population projections presented are consistent with the latest available statewide population projections or represent the most current information obtained from facility planning analyses.

The facility information in this section is intended to be utilized in the preparation of facility plans and the subsequent design and construction of wastewater facilities. Design capacities of the treatment and collection systems will be based upon the population projections contained in this document plus any additional needed capacity established for commercial/industrial flows and documented infiltration/inflow volumes (treatment or rehabilitation). The probable needs shown under the “Needs” heading are preliminary findings; specific needs for an area shall be as established in the completed and certified detailed engineering studies conducted during facility planning under the SRF and other state loan programs.

Specific effluent quality for any wastewater discharges resulting from any of the facilities recommended in this document will be in accordance with the rule on the Texas Surface Water Quality Standards in effect at the time of permit issuance for the specific facility.

Table 2. Service Area Population Updates

Planning Agency	Service Area	Needs	Needs Year	Basin Name / COG	Segment	County	WQMP Date	Comments	Year	Population
City of Houston	Houston City Limits	T/C	2011	San Jacinto Basin	1007	Harris	04/23/2012	Collection System improvements	2010	2,240,974
									2020	2,520,926
									2030	2,798,278
									2040	3,073,268
City of Leakey	Leakey City Limits and ETJ	T/C	2011	Nueces River Basin	2113	Real	04/10/2012	Treatment plant and collection system construction	2010	1,285
									2020	1,695
									2030	2,105
City of McAllen	Area of Certificate of Convenience and Necessity (CCN)	T/C	2011	Rio Grande Basin	2491	Hidalgo	04/23/2012	Collection System expansion	2010	23,743
									2020	31,036
									2030	39,203
									2040	48,038
City of San Juan	San Juan City Limits	T/C	2011	Nueces-Rio Grande Basin	2202	Hidalgo	04/23/2012	Collection System improvements	2010	39,074
									2020	54,082
									2030	70,893
									2040	89,081
City of Springtown	Springtown City Limits	T/C	2011	Trinity River Basin	0809	Parker	02/13/2012	Treatment plant and collection system upgrade and expansion	2010	2,750
									2020	2,918
									2030	4,664

## Designated Management Agencies

In order to be designated as a management agency for wastewater collection or treatment, an entity must demonstrate the legal, institutional, managerial and financial capability necessary to carry out the entity’s responsibilities in accordance with Section 208 (c) of the Clean Water Act (see below list of requirements). Before an entity can apply for a state revolving fund loan, it must be recommended for designation as the management agency in the approved WQMP. Designation as a management agency does not require the designated entity to provide wastewater services, but enables it to apply for grants and loans to provide the services. The facilities listed in Table 3 have submitted Designated Management Agencies (DMA) resolutions to the TCEQ. The TCEQ submits this DMA information to the EPA for approval as an update to the WQMP.

### Section 208 (c) (2) Requirements for Management Agency:

208(c)(2)(A): to carry out portions of an area-wide waste treatment plan.

208(c)(2)(B): to manage waste treatment works.

208(c)(2)(C): directly or by contract to design and construct new works.

208(c)(2)(D): to accept and utilize grants.

208(c)(2)(E): to raise revenues, including assessment of waste treatment charges.

208(c)(2)(F): to incur short and long term indebtedness.

208(c)(2)(G): to assure community pays proportionate cost.

208(c)(2)(H): to refuse to receive waste from non-compliant dischargers.

208(c)(2)(I): to accept for treatment industrial wastes.

Table 3. Designated Management Agencies Updates

Planning Agency	Service Area	DMA Needs	DMA Date	DMA Area/Comments
City of McAllen	CCN Area	T/C	09/09/2011	
City of San Juan	City Limits/ETJ	T/C	02/06/2012	
City of Springtown	City Limits/ETJ	T/C	10/27/2011	

## **Total Maximum Daily Load Updates**

The Total Maximum Daily Load (TMDL) Program works to improve water quality in impaired or threatened waters bodies in Texas. The program is authorized by and created to fulfill the requirements of Section 303(d) of the federal Clean Water Act.

The goal of a TMDL is to restore the full use of a water body that has limited quality in relation to one or more of its uses. The TMDL defines an environmental target and based on that target, the State develops an implementation plan with waste load allocations for point source dischargers to mitigate anthropogenic (human-caused) sources of pollution within the watershed and restore full use of the water body.

The development of TMDLs is a process of intensive data collection and analysis. After adoption by the TCEQ, TMDLs are submitted to the U.S. Environmental Protection Agency for review and approval.

The attached appendixes may reflect proposed waste load allocations for new dischargers and revisions to TMDLs. To be consistent, updates will be provided in the same units of measure used in the original TMDL document. And note that for bacteria TMDLs, loads may be expressed in counts for day, organisms per day, colony forming units per day, or similar expressions. These typically reflect different lab methods, but for the purposes of the TMDL program, these terms are considered synonymous.

## **Appendix I. Eighteen Total Maximum Daily Loads for Bacteria in Buffalo and Whiteoak Bayous and Tributaries For Segment Numbers 1013, 1013A, 1013C, 1014, 1014A, 1014B, 1014E, 1014H, 1014K, 1014L, 1014M, 1014N, 1014O, 1017, 1017A, 1017B, 1017D, and 1017E**

TMDL Updates to the Water Quality Management Plan (WQMP): Buffalo and Whiteoak Bayous and Tributaries (Segments 1013, 1013A, 1013C, 1014, 1014A, 1014B, 1014E, 1014H, 1014K, 1014L, 1014M, 1014N, 1014O, 1017, 1017A, 1017B, 1017D, and 1017E)

The document *Eighteen Total Maximum Daily Loads for Bacteria in Buffalo and Whiteoak Bayous and Tributaries For Segment Numbers 1013, 1013A, 1013C, 1014, 1014A, 1014B, 1014E, 1014H, 1014K, 1014L, 1014M, 1014N, 1014O, 1017, 1017A, 1017B, 1017D, and 1017E* was adopted by the TCEQ on 04/08/2009 and approved by EPA on 06/11/09, and became an update to the state's Water Quality Management Plan (WQMP). Three subsequent WQMP updates prior to this one have provided individual Waste Load Allocations (WLAs) for permitted facilities.

The purpose of this update is to make the following change to the TMDL (Table 1):

- adjust the individual WLA for one permit being amended to correct (reduce) its discharge, and update the permittee's name.

The changes reflected in this update resulted in the shifting of allocations between the sum of the individual WLAs and the allowance for future growth (AFG) in one assessment unit (AU). This was originally presented in Table 53 in the TMDL document, and the affected AU is included here as Table 2.

In Table 54 of the TMDL, the WLAs for permitted facilities are the sum of the individual WLAs and the allowance for future growth within each assessment unit. Therefore, these overall numbers did not change, and Table 54 of the TMDL remains the same.

Table 1 – Change to Individual Waste Load Allocation (Updates Table 45, pp. 99-103 in the TMDL document.)

State Permit Number	Outfall	EPA Permit Number	Segment Number	Permittee Name	Flow (MGD)	Waste Load Allocation (WLA) - <i>E. coli</i> in Billion MPN/day	TMDL Comments
14740-001	001	TX0129071	1014E_01	HARRIS COUNTY MUD 500	0.75	1.789	Reduced discharge; name changed

Table 2 - *E. coli* TMDL Summary Calculation (Updates Table 53, pp. 118-119 in the TMDL document.)

Assessment Unit	TMDL (Billion MPN/day)	WLA <sub>WWTF</sub> (Billion MPN/day)	WLA <sub>StormWater</sub> (Billion MPN/day)	LA (Billion MPN/day)	MOS (Billion MPN/day)	Upstream Load (Billion MPN/day)	Future Growth (Billion MPN/day)
1014E_01	236.83	71.06	145	7.78	0	0	12.99

# **Appendix II. Addendum Three to Six Total Maximum Daily Loads for Bacteria in Waters of the Upper Gulf Coast. Two Total Maximum Daily Loads for Bacteria in Bastrop Bay/Oyster Lake and Christmas Bay For Segment Numbers 2433OW and 2434OW**

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## **Two Total Maximum Daily Loads for Bacteria in Bastrop Bay/Oyster Lake and Christmas Bay**

For Segments 2433OW and 2434OW  
Assessment Units 2433OW\_02 and 2434OW\_01

### **Introduction**

The Texas Commission on Environmental Quality (TCEQ) adopted the total maximum daily loads (TMDLs) *Six Total Maximum Daily Loads for Bacteria in Waters of the Upper Gulf Coast: Segments 2421, 2422, 2423, 2424, 2432, and 2439* (TCEQ 2008) on 8/20/2008. The TMDLs were approved by the United States Environmental Protection Agency (EPA) on 2/4/2009. An addendum to the original TMDL document specified the total bacteria capacity for each of the original bay segments. A second addendum covered Drum Bay (Segment 2435OW), which was addressed through an update to the Water Quality Management Plan (WQMP) in January 2012. This document represents the third addendum to the original TMDL document.

This addendum includes information specific to portions of two additional water bodies that will be added to the adopted TMDL – Bastrop Bay/Oyster Lake (Segment 2433OW) and Christmas Bay (Segment 2434OW). Figure 1 shows these bays in relation to the original TMDL segments.

### **Background Information**

The Upper Gulf Coast TMDL addresses impairments to the oyster waters use. The impairments are identified as “Restricted Harvest Zones” (RHZs) by the Texas Department of State Health Services (DSHS), as described and illustrated by a map in the DSHS publication *Classification of Shellfish Harvesting Areas of West Galveston Bay* (DSHS 2010; Figure 2). The DSHS document indicates that the RHZs include only certain parts of the TCEQ segments. This TMDL addendum addresses elevated fecal coliform concentrations in the restricted area for:

- Bastrop Bay/Oyster Lake; Segment 2433OW; Assessment Unit (AU) 2433OW\_02 (Oyster Lake); and
- Christmas Bay; Segment 2434OW; AU 2434OW\_01 (Area adjacent to West Bay).

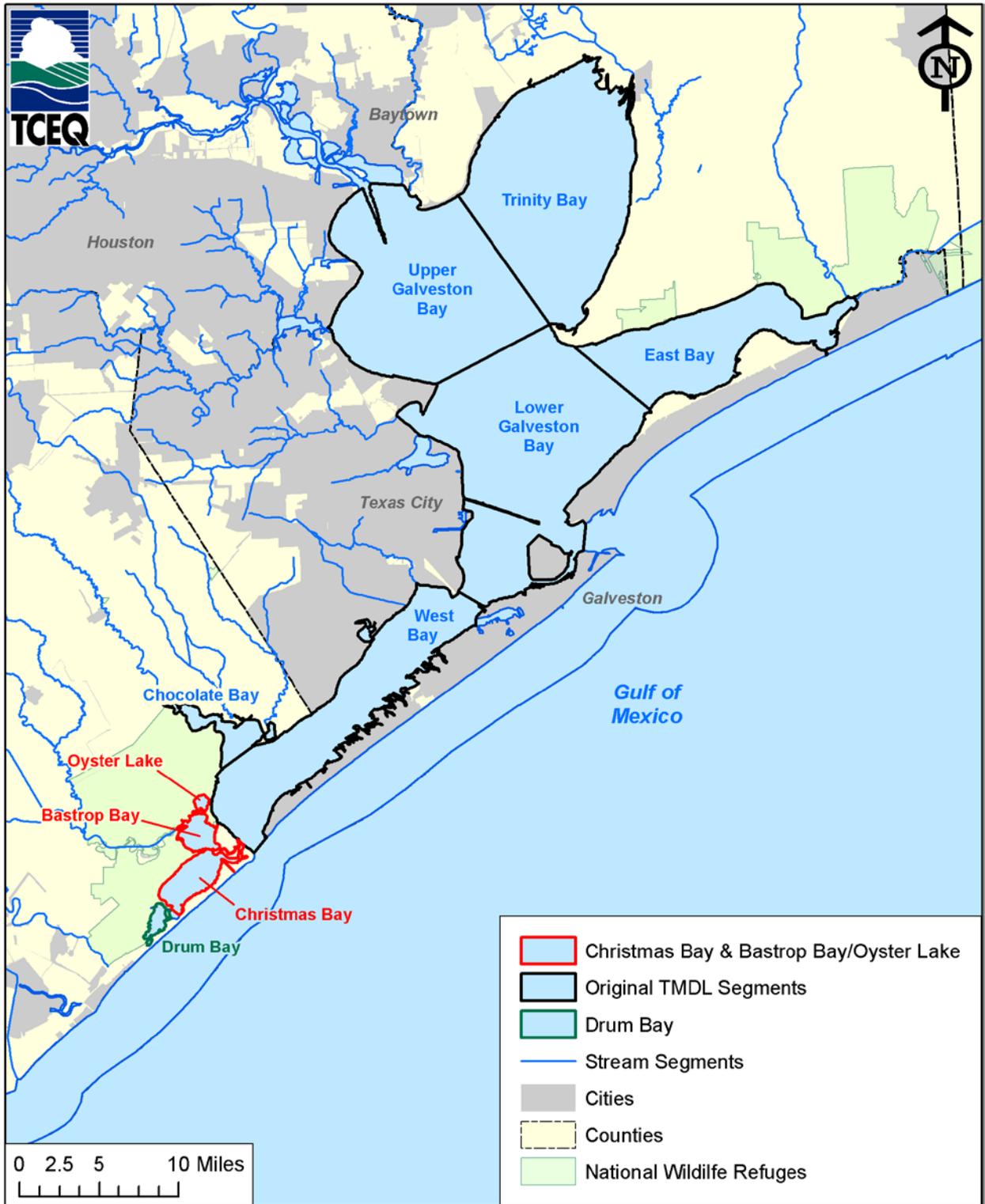


Figure 1. Galveston Bay System <sup>a</sup>

<sup>a</sup> This map was developed by the TMDL Program of the TCEQ. No claims are made to the accuracy or completeness of the data or to its suitability for a particular use.

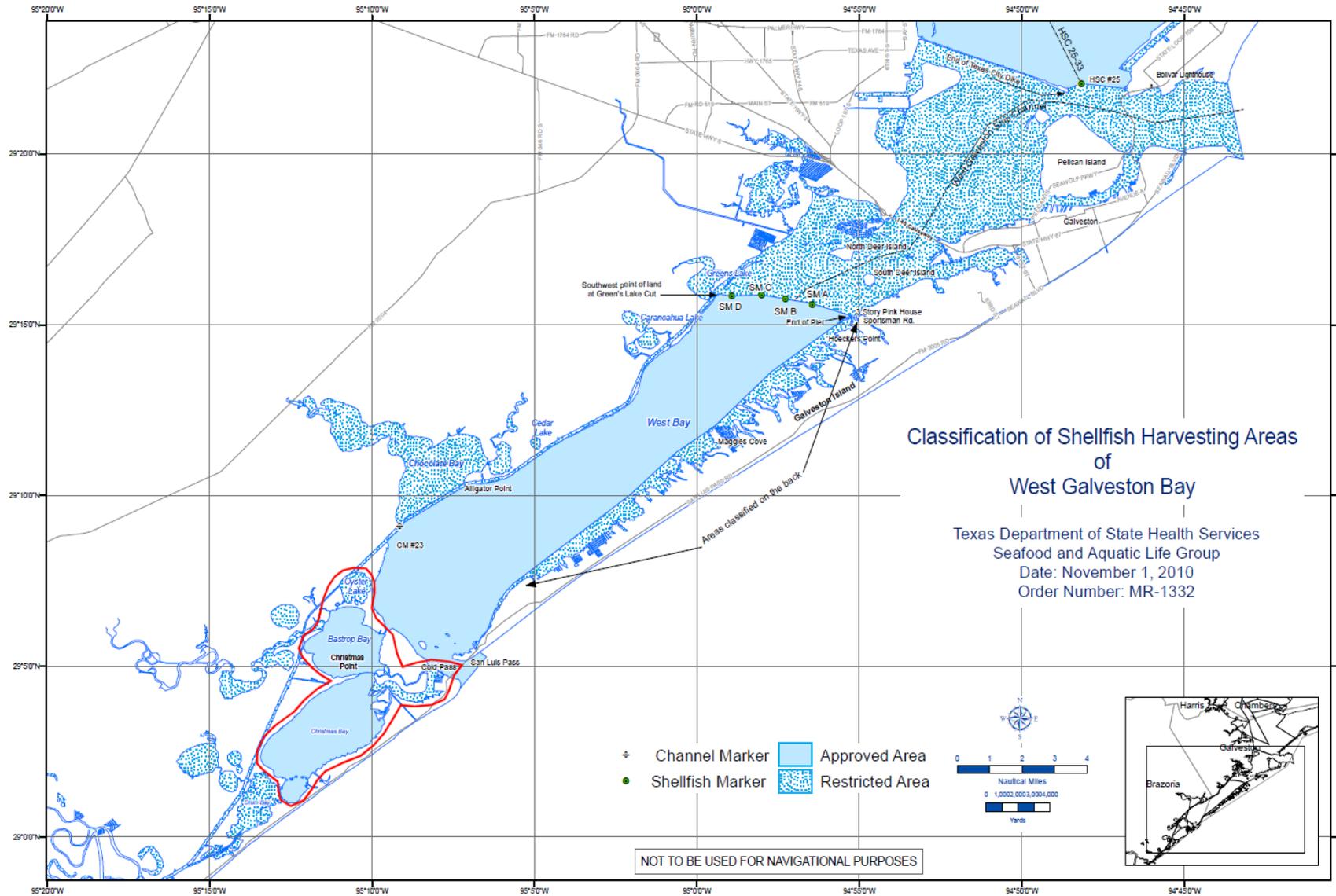


Figure 2. Classification of Shellfish Harvesting Areas of West Galveston Bay (Bastrop Bay/Oyster Lake and Christmas Bay circled in red)

The criteria used for assessing attainment of the oyster waters use are expressed as the number of colony-forming units (cfu) of fecal coliform bacteria per hundred milliliters (100 mL) of water. Using the fecal coliform criteria in the 2010 Texas Surface Water Quality Standards (TCEQ 2010c), if the minimum sample requirement during the assessment period is met, the oyster waters use is not supported when:

- the median fecal coliform concentration in bay and gulf waters, exclusive of 1,000-foot shoreline buffer zones, exceeds 14 cfu per 100 mL; AND/OR
- more than 10 percent of all samples exceed 43 cfu per 100 mL.

However, DSHS may use other factors in addition to a simple application of the Water Quality Standards to determine the classification of oyster harvest zones. The TCEQ bases its list of impaired oyster waters on the DSHS classifications rather than on its own assessments of the fecal coliform data for the water bodies (TCEQ 2010b).

### **Water Body Information**

Bastrop Bay/Oyster Lake has a total area of about 5.03 square miles (13.01 square kilometers). The TMDL only applies to one of this segment's AUs – Oyster Lake (2433OW\_02) – which has a total area of about 0.75 square miles (1.94 square kilometers). Bastrop Bay (2433OW\_01) is not on the list of impaired oyster waters.

Christmas Bay has a total area of about 9.35 square miles (24.22 square kilometers). The TMDL only applies to one of this segment's AUs – the area around Cold Pass (2434\_01) – which has a total area of about 0.70 square miles (1.81 square kilometers). The remainder of Christmas Bay (2434OW\_02) is not on the list of impaired oyster waters.

These areas and segment/AU descriptions are based on the TCEQ's definition of the segments (Figure 3). Note that as shown in Figure 3, the DSHS designations of the RHZs for these water bodies do not perfectly coincide with the TCEQ's designation of the impaired AUs. The RHZs extend slightly into the portions of these bays that are not on the list impaired oyster waters.

These bays are located at the southwestern end of the Galveston Bay system. The bays are bordered by West Bay to the northeast, Follets Island to the southeast, and Brazoria National Wildlife Refuge to the west. The Gulf Intracoastal Waterway is just inland to the west of Christmas Bay and Bastrop Bay, and intersects the northwestern edge of Oyster Lake. These bays have an average depth of about 2.2 feet (GBNEP 1991).

In the original TMDL, the 90th percentile criterion was found to be the most critical condition for examining the fecal coliform data. This criterion applies to the Bastrop Bay/Oyster Lake and Christmas Bay data as well. This percentile represents the most stringent conditions that are likely to result in attainment of the water quality standard. Table 1 contains additional information regarding Bastrop Bay/Oyster Lake and Christmas Bay for Table 3 in the original TMDL, and is based on fecal coliform data provided by DSHS. The date range for the data is 12/01/2001 – 11/30/2008. This matches the dates for data used in the 2010 Integrated Report (TCEQ 2010a).

Table 1. Bacteria Concentration in Impaired Segments

Segment Number	Segment Name	Number of Samples in RHZ	RHZ Median (cfu/100 mL of Fecal Coliform)	RHZ 90th Percentile (cfu/100 mL of Fecal Coliform)	Exceedances at Sampling Locations within RHZ
2433OW <sup>a</sup>	Bastrop Bay/Oyster Lake	49 (99)	13 (4)	136 (85.2)	Yes (Yes)
2434OW <sup>b</sup>	Christmas Bay	0 (201)	N/A (2)	N/A (23)	N/A (Yes)

<sup>a</sup>The data for the impaired AU (2433OW\_02) is given. Parenthetical information applies to the segment as a whole.

<sup>b</sup>None of the sampling locations for 2434OW fall within the RHZ for the segment. Parenthetical information applies to the segment as a whole.

Table 2 contains additional information for Table 5 in the original TMDL, and is based on the same DSHS data used in Table 1. The 90th percentile criterion was used to determine the percent reduction goals. Since all stations are below the median criterion, the load reductions based on attainment of the 90th percentile criterion are also protective of the median criteria. DSHS provided data for two stations associated with Bastrop Bay/Oyster Lake (one each in Bastrop Bay and Oyster Lake). The station in Oyster Lake falls within the 1,000-foot shoreline buffer. DSHS provided data for four stations associated with Christmas Bay, one of which falls within the 1,000-foot shoreline buffer. These areas are subject to the contact recreation standard, and the oyster waters standard would normally not apply. However, due to the very small size of these bays, all stations are included in the table.

During previous WQMP updates related to the original TMDL report, a method was developed to consistently determine when regulated dischargers should be given individual wasteload allocations (WLAs). Specifically, facilities discharging within one stream mile of the listed segments should be given individual WLAs. There are no permitted discharges to Christmas Bay or Bastrop Bay/Oyster Lake. Therefore, there are no WLAs to add or revise in Table 6 or Appendix A in the original TMDL document. Should permits be issued to wastewater dischargers in the future, the permits should include individual WLAs determined through the regular WQMP update process. Storm water flowing into these segments is not regulated. There are no marinas on these segments. Marinas were identified as potential sources of bacteria in certain areas covered by the original TMDL, but are not pertinent here. There are several small housing developments on the southeastern shore of Christmas Bay, particularly at Treasure Island, which has numerous homes with individual boat slips along canals emptying into Cold Pass. San Luis Pass County Park is located at the northern end of Cold Pass, near its border with West Bay. This park has spaces for recreational vehicles, cabins, restrooms, and a boat ramp. Cold Pass makes up part of 2434OW\_01, the impaired AU of Christmas Bay.

Table 2. Endpoint Target Reductions at Sampling Stations

Sampling Station	Number of Samples <sup>a</sup>	Median <sup>b</sup>	90th Percentile <sup>b</sup>	Exceedance Identified	Median Reduction to Meet Endpoint	90th Percentile Reduction to Meet Endpoint
Segment 2433OW (2433OW_01 Bastrop Bay and 2433OW_02 Oyster Lake)						
FRE-15	50	2	23.1	No	N/A	N/A
FRE-18 <sup>c</sup>	49	13	136	Yes	N/A	68%
Segment 2434OW (2434OW_01 Area adjacent to West Bay and 2434OW_02 Remainder of Christmas Bay)						
FRE-10A	50	2	8.3	No	N/A	N/A
FRE-12 <sup>c</sup>	51	2	49	Yes	N/A	12%
FRE-13	50	2	8	No	N/A	N/A
FRE-14	50	2	28.6	No	N/A	N/A

<sup>a</sup> Samples used in assessing bacteria concentrations were collected during the 2010 assessment period (12/01/2001 – 11/30/2008).

<sup>b</sup> All concentrations are reported in cfu/100 mL.

<sup>c</sup> Stations FRE-12 and FRE-18 are inside the 1,000-foot shoreline buffer area.

The original TMDL report established concentration-based TMDLs and load allocations expressed in terms of bacteria concentrations. Table 3 contains additional information for Table 11 in the original document.

Table 3. TMDL Indicator Bacteria for Bastrop Bay/Oyster Lake and Christmas Bay

Water Body	TMDL Indicator Parameter
Bastrop Bay/Oyster Lake (2433OW_02)	Fecal coliform 90 <sup>th</sup> percentile < 43 cfu/100 mL
Christmas Bay (2434OW_01)	

Table 4 presents concentration-based limits (load allocations) for indicator bacteria in the source categories associated with the Upper Gulf Coast project, including Bastrop Bay/Oyster Lake and Christmas Bay. These load allocations will apply year-round to each source category of pollution in the watershed (e.g., urban runoff, on-site sewage facilities (OSSFs), wastewater treatment facilities (WWTFs), boat discharges). Compliance with these load allocations will ensure protection of the water quality and beneficial uses of the bays. Table 4 in this addendum is a reproduction of Table 12 from the original TMDL document.

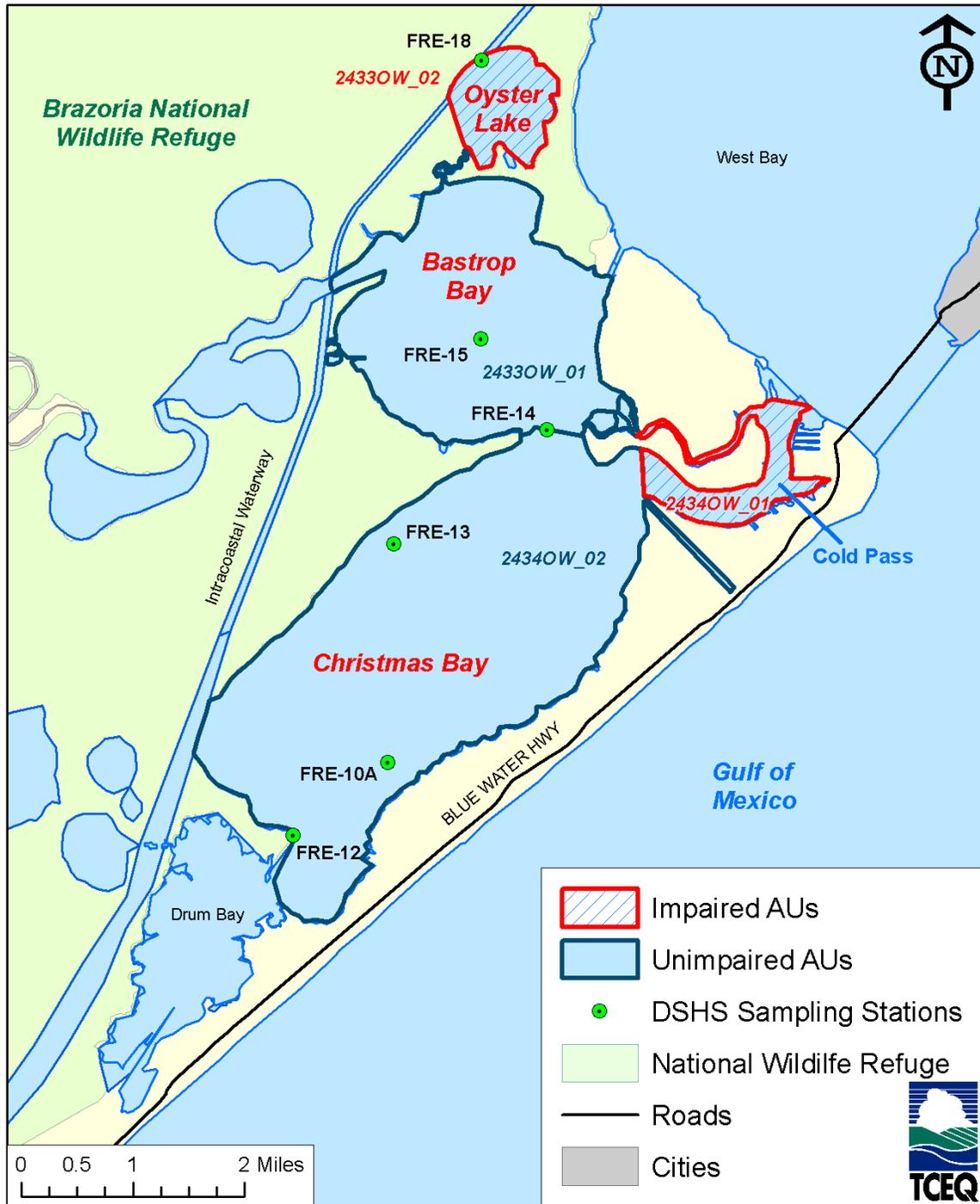


Figure 3. Bastrop Bay/Oyster Lake and Christmas Bay<sup>a</sup>

<sup>a</sup> This map was developed by the TMDL Program of the TCEQ. No claims are made to the accuracy or completeness of the data or to its suitability for a particular use.

Table 4. Concentration-Based Pollutant Wasteload and Load Allocations for Upper Gulf Coast Segments<sup>a</sup>

<b>Discharge Type</b>	<b>Fecal coliform densities for Discharges to the RHZ</b>	<b>For Discharges to Adjacent Watersheds and the 1,000 foot Buffer Zone<sup>b</sup></b>
<b>Wasteload Allocations</b>		
Mechanical WWTFs <sup>c</sup>	Discharges directly to the RHZ are not possible <sup>d</sup>	Fecal Coliform 200 per 100 mL OR <i>E. coli</i> 126 per 100 mL OR Enterococcus 35 per 100 mL
Wetland WWTFs	Discharges directly to the RHZ are not possible <sup>d</sup>	Wetland systems are measured based on detention time. Human waste must be detained for at least 21 days in sun light before reaching the bay system, unless individual permit requires additional time.
Municipal Separate Storm Sewer Systems (MS4s) <sup>c</sup>	Discharges directly to the RHZ are not possible <sup>e</sup>	Numerical concentrations requirements are unreasonable for storm water runoff. This TMDL will require MS4s to follow implementation of bacteria reduction efforts and best management practices.
<b>Load Allocations</b>		
OSSFs	Discharges directly to the RHZ are not possible <sup>e</sup>	0 per 100 mL
Recreational Boat and Ship Discharges	0 per 100 mL	0 per 100 mL
Marina	Discharges directly to the RHZ are not possible <sup>d</sup>	0 per 100 mL
Non-Regulated Municipal Runoff	Discharges directly to the RHZ are not possible <sup>e</sup>	Numerical concentrations requirements are unreasonable for storm water runoff. Incentive based options will be developed for municipalities with non-regulated runoff. Bacteria reductions will be achieved through the implementation of the resulting implementation plan.
Direct Deposition into Segment <sup>f</sup>	The reduction of wildlife or changing natural background conditions is not the intended goal of a TMDL.	The reduction of wildlife or changing natural background conditions is not the intended goal of a TMDL.

- a. Allocations are applicable year-round. WLAs apply to any sources (existing or future) subject to regulation by a Texas Pollutant Discharge Elimination System (TPDES) permit.
- b. All concentrations limits within the 1,000-foot buffer zone will be based on the geometric means of the applicable indicator bacteria.
- c. Regulated entities may use indicator bacteria other than fecal coliform, as listed in individual TPDES permits. Indicator bacteria concentrations for each permit must be consistent with the

applicable water quality standard for the receiving water. Dischargers releasing effluent into a segment buffer zone shall meet those water quality standards.

- d. Discharges to RHZ are not possible for WWTFs and Marinas because DSHS implements safety perimeters known as Prohibited Harvest Zones around this source to protect against any unauthorized discharges of raw sewage.
- e. Discharges to RHZ are not possible because TCEQ implements a 1,000-foot buffer zone around this source designated as contact recreation.
- f. The listed segments contain wildlife and unmanaged animals and are therefore potential sources.

### **Median Fecal Coliform Capacity of Restricted Harvest Zone Assessment Units**

The first addendum to the original TMDL provided the capacity of the restricted oyster water assessment units based on the oyster waters criterion for fecal coliform (14 cfu/100mL; the median concentration). Table 5 provides the applicable capacity for Bastrop Bay/Oyster Lake and Christmas Bay.

Table 5. Median RHZ Capacity in Impaired Assessment Units

<b>Segment Name</b>	<b>RHZ Assessment Unit</b>	<b>Area (Sq. Mi.)</b>	<b>Average Depth (Ft.)<sup>a</sup></b>	<b>Volume (Cu. Ft)</b>	<b>Median RHZ Capacity (cfu)</b>
Bastrop Bay/Oyster Lake	2433OW_02	0.75	2.2	46,122,025	1.83E+11
Christmas Bay	2434OW_01	0.70	2.2	42,871,404	1.70E+11

<sup>a</sup> Average depth for these AUs is based on the overall average depth of bays found in the literature. Specific depths by AU are not available.

### **Table and Appendix Updates**

The following TMDL tables have been revised and included in this addendum to provide complete information for the Upper Gulf Coast TMDL:

- Table 1,
- Table 3,
- Table 4,
- Table 5, and
- Table 11.

Additionally, “Appendix B: Temporal Trends in Bacteria Samples” information for Bastrop Bay/Oyster Lake and Christmas Bay is also provided in this addendum. The table “Median Fecal Coliform Capacity of Restricted Harvest Zone Assessment Units” is also revised to include complete TMDL information.

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## Revised Tables

Tables and table numbers from the original TMDL report, revised based on the information in this addendum:

Revised Table 1. Characteristics of Impaired Segments of Galveston Bay

Segment Name	Segment Number	Year Listed	Area (square kilometers)	Percent Area in the RHZ
Upper Galveston Bay	2421	1996	299.1	47%
Trinity Bay	2422	2000	317.5	48%
East Bay	2423	1998	148.9	25%
West Bay	2424	1996	195.3	37%
Chocolate Bay	2432	1996	21.1	100%
Bastrop Bay/Oyster Lake	2433OW	2006	1.9 <sup>b</sup>	100% <sup>b</sup>
Christmas Bay	2434OW	2006	1.8 <sup>b</sup>	100% <sup>b</sup>
Drum Bay <sup>1</sup>	2435OW	2010	5.1	100%
Lower Galveston Bay	2439	1996	362.4	27%

<sup>1</sup> Inadvertently not included in the first published 2010 Integrated Report.

<sup>b</sup> These numbers are based on the impaired AUs, not the segments as a whole.

Revised Table 3. Bacteria Concentrations in Impaired Segments of Galveston Bay

Segment Number	Segment Name	Number of Samples in RHZ	RHZ Median (cfu/100 mL of Fecal Coliform)	RHZ 90th Percentile (cfu/100 mL of Fecal Coliform)	Exceedances at Sampling Locations within RHZ
2421	Upper Galveston Bay	947	8.0	130.0	Yes
2422	Trinity Bay	376	2.0	33.0	Yes
2423	East Bay	199	2.0	36.2	Yes
2424	West Bay	515	5.0	49.0	Yes
2432	Chocolate Bay	37	5.0	61.0	Yes
2433OW <sup>a</sup>	Bastrop Bay/Oyster Lake	49 (99)	13 (4)	136 (85.2)	Yes (Yes)

Segment Number	Segment Name	Number of Samples in RHZ	RHZ Median (cfu/100 mL of Fecal Coliform)	RHZ 90th Percentile (cfu/100 mL of Fecal Coliform)	Exceedances at Sampling Locations within RHZ
2434OW <sup>b</sup>	Christmas Bay	0 (201)	N/A (2)	N/A (23)	N/A (Yes)
2435OW	Drum Bay	245	8	79	Yes
2439	Lower Galveston Bay	707	2.0	49.0	Yes

<sup>a</sup> The data for the impaired AU (2433OW\_02) is given. Parenthetical information applies to the segment as a whole.

<sup>b</sup> None of the sampling locations for 2434OW fall within the RHZ for the segment. Parenthetical information applies to the segment as a whole.

Revised Table 4. Use Attainment of Segments of Galveston Bay

Segment Number	Segment Name	Recreational Use	Oyster Use	Parameter
2421	Upper Galveston Bay	Fully Supporting	Dependent upon specific location	Bacteria
2422	Trinity Bay	Fully Supporting	Dependent upon specific location	Bacteria
2423	East Bay	Fully Supporting	Dependent upon specific location	Bacteria
2424	West Bay	Fully Supporting	Dependent upon specific location	Bacteria
2432	Chocolate Bay	Fully Supporting	Non-Supporting	Bacteria
2433OW	Bastrop Bay/Oyster Lake	Fully Supporting	Non-Supporting <sup>a</sup>	Bacteria
2434OW	Christmas Bay	Fully Supporting	Non-Supporting <sup>b</sup>	Bacteria
2435OW	Drum Bay	Fully Supporting	Non-Supporting	Bacteria
2439	Lower Galveston Bay	Fully Supporting	Dependent upon specific location	Bacteria

<sup>a</sup> AU 2433OW\_02 only

<sup>b</sup> AU 2434OW\_01 only

Revised Table 5. Endpoint Target Reductions at Sampling Stations in Project Segments

Station	Number of Samples <sup>a</sup>	Median <sup>b</sup>	90th Percentile <sup>b</sup>	Exceedance Identified	Median Reduction	90th Percentile Reduction
<b>Segment 2421, Upper Galveston Bay: Station and Sampling Results</b>					<b>Reductions Needed to Meet Endpoint Concentrations</b>	
13305	5	10.0	18.0	No		
14546	35	23.0 <sup>c</sup>	130.0 <sup>d</sup>	Yes	39%	67%
14556	67	11.0	73.6	Yes		42%
14560	107	5.0	110.0	Yes		61%
14562	105	5.0	97.6	Yes		56%
14570	116	5.0	79.0	Yes		46%
14571	107	13.0	174.0	Yes		75%
14572	107	10.0	110.0	Yes		61%
14580	58	79.0	920.0	Yes	82%	95%
14581	120	7.5	110.0	Yes		61%
14582	120	2.0	49.0	Yes		12%
<b>Segment 2422, Trinity Bay: Stations and Sampling Results</b>					<b>Reductions Needed to Meet Endpoint Concentrations</b>	
13314	62	2.0	23.0	No		
13315	66	2.0	15.0	No		
14548	62	6.0	49.0	Yes		12%
14549	60	5.0	51.1	Yes		16%
16838	64	2.0	16.1	No		
17092	62	2.0	22.4	No		
<b>Segment 2423, East Bay: Stations and Sampling Results</b>					<b>Reductions Needed to Meet Endpoint Concentrations</b>	
14527	56	2.0	24.5	No		
14528	47	2.0	97.4	Yes		56%
14529	49	2.0	13.8	No		
14530	47	2.0	63.8	Yes		33%

Station	Number of Samples <sup>a</sup>	Median <sup>b</sup>	90th Percentile <sup>b</sup>	Exceedance Identified	Median Reduction	90th Percentile Reduction
<b>Segment 2424, West Bay: Stations and Sampling Results</b>					<b>Reductions Needed to Meet Endpoint Concentrations</b>	
13321	37	13.0	33.0	No		
14607	37	2.0	3.2	No		
14608	37	11.0	49.0	Yes		12%
14618	36	2.0	17.0	No		
14620	37	11.0	49.0	Yes		12%
14621	37	5.0	33.0	No		
14622	36	13.5	94.5	Yes		54%
14623	37	11.0	73.6	Yes		42%
16839	37	8.0	99.4	Yes		57%
16840	37	2.0	9.2	No		
16841	37	2.0	19.4	No		
16842	37	5.0	73.6	Yes		42%
16844	37	5.0	33.0	No		
<b>Segment 2439, Lower Galveston Bay: Stations and Sampling Results</b>					<b>Reductions Needed to Meet Endpoint Concentrations</b>	
14576	120	4.0	79.0	Yes		46%
14577	122	8.0	79.0	Yes		46%
14584	122	2.0	49.0	Yes		12%
14594	54	4.0	20.5	No		
14595	53	5.0	49.0	Yes		12%
14597	57	2.0	10.0	No		
<b>Segment 2432 Chocolate Bay: Stations and Sampling Results</b>					<b>Reductions Needed to Meet Endpoint Concentrations</b>	
14610	37	5.0	61.0	Yes		30%
<b>Segment 2433OW Bastrop Bay/Oyster Lake: Stations and Sampling Results</b>					<b>Reductions Needed to Meet Endpoint Concentrations</b>	
FRE-15	50	2.0	23.1	No		

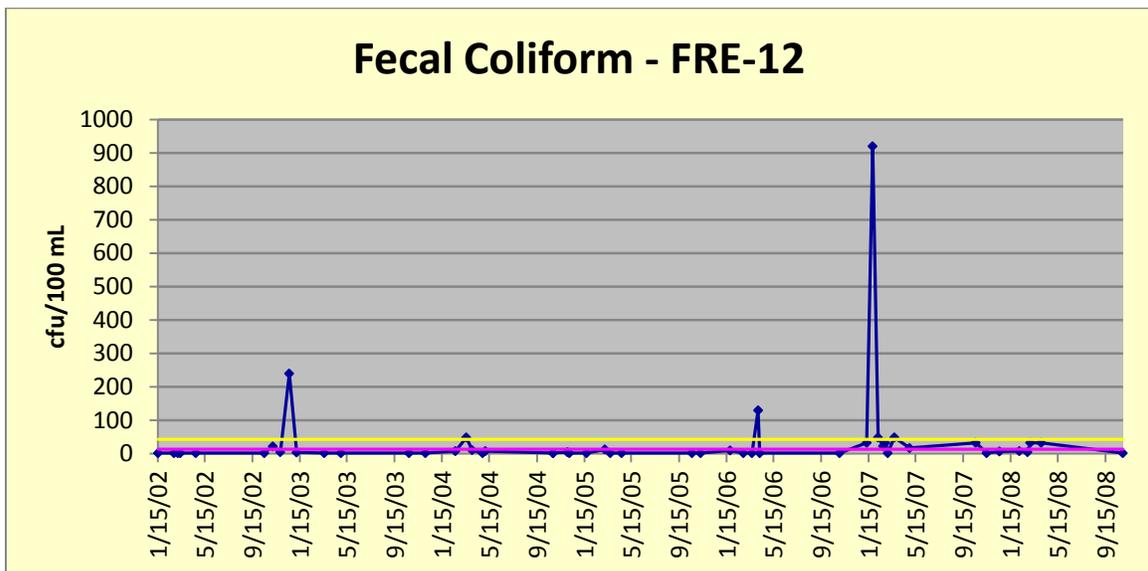
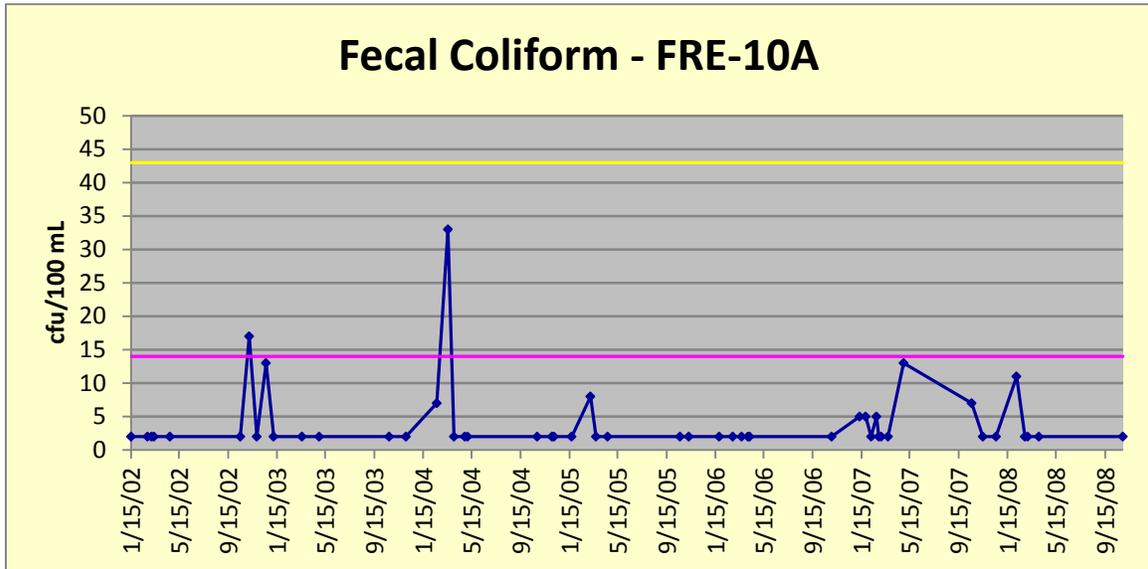
Station	Number of Samples <sup>a</sup>	Median <sup>b</sup>	90th Percentile <sup>b</sup>	Exceedance Identified	Median Reduction	90th Percentile Reduction
FRE-18	49	13.0	136	Yes		68%
<b>Segment 2434OW Christmas Bay: Stations and Sampling Results</b>					<b>Reductions Needed to Meet Endpoint Concentrations</b>	
FRE-10A	50	2.0	8.3	No		
FRE-12	51	2.0	49	Yes		12%
FRE-13	50	2.0	8	No		
FRE-14	50	2.0	28.6	No		
<b>Segment 2435OW Drum Bay: Stations and Sampling Results</b>					<b>Reductions Needed to Meet Endpoint Concentrations</b>	
FRE-11c	49	10.0	55	Yes		22%
FRE-24	49	11.0	79	Yes		46%
FRE-25	49	7.0	47	Yes		8%
FRE-26	49	11.0	49	Yes		12%
FRE-31	49	8.0	616	Yes		93%

- a. Samples used in assessing bacteria concentrations were collected during the years 2001 through 2008 (varies by station).
- b. All concentrations are reported in cfu/100 mL.
- c. Pink shading indicates concentrations exceed the median criterion.
- d. Gray shading indicates concentrations exceed the 90th percentile criterion.

Revised Table 11. Total Maximum Daily Loads of Indicator Bacteria for Galveston Bay System Segments

Segment Name	TMDL Indicator Parameter
Upper Galveston Bay Trinity Bay East Bay West Bay Chocolate Bay Lower Galveston Bay Drum Bay Bastrop Bay/Oyster Lake Christmas Bay	Fecal coliform 90th Percentile < 43 cfu/100 mL

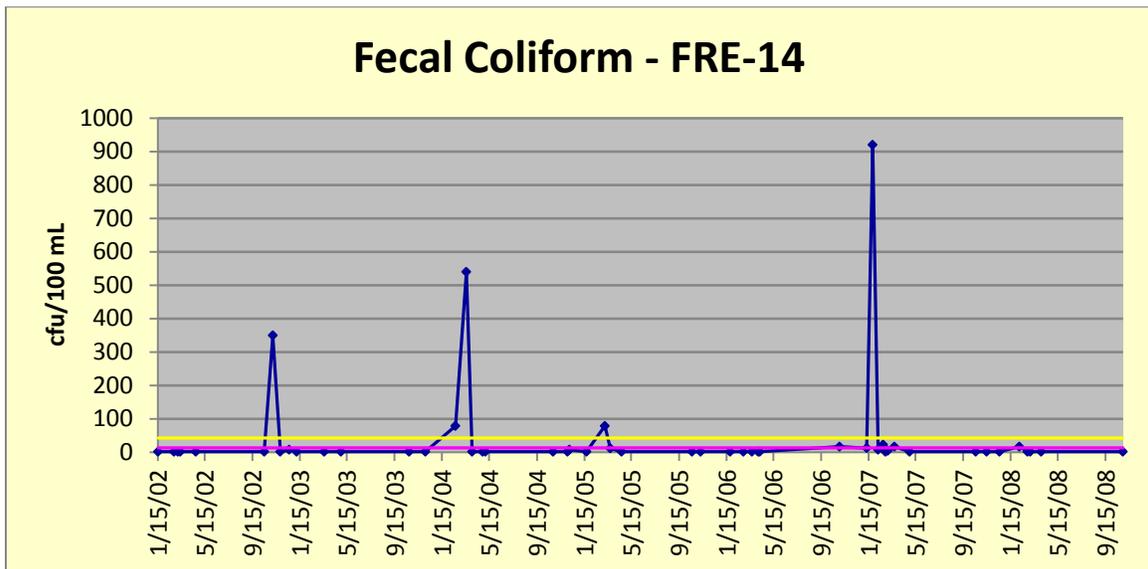
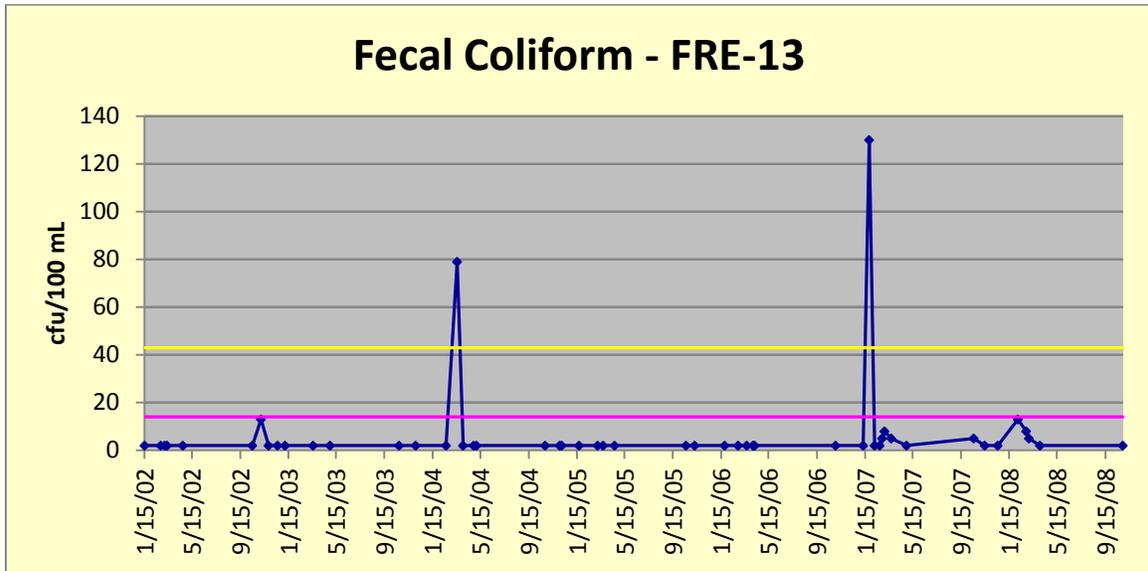
**Revisions to Appendix B:  
Temporal Trends in Bacteria Samples**



Yellow Line = 90th percentile criterion (43 cfu/100mL)

Red Line = median criterion (14 cfu/100mL)

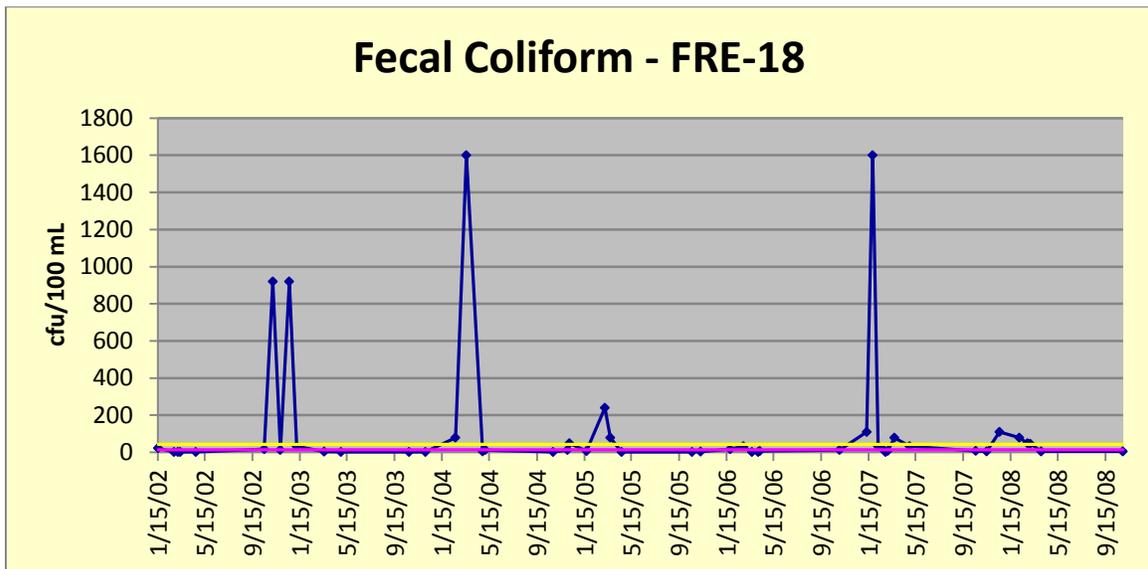
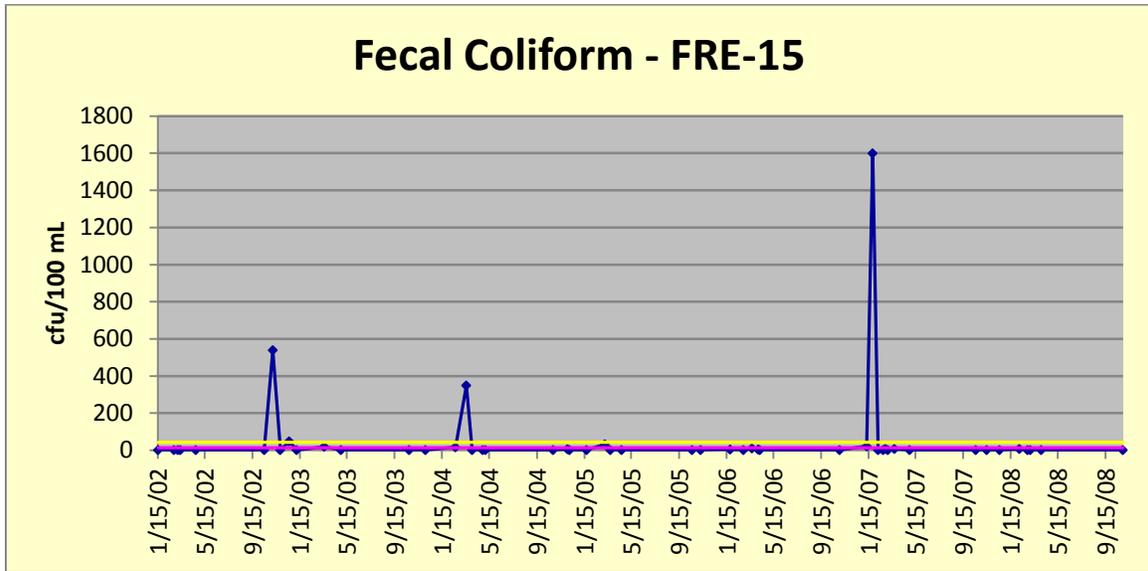
Yellow shaded border = concentrations at station exceeded 90th percentile criterion.



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**Revised First Addendum:  
Median Fecal Coliform Capacity of  
Restricted Harvest Zone Assessment Units**

Based on the Oyster Waters criterion of 14 cfu/100mL (the median concentration), the capacity of the restricted oyster water assessment units are listed below.

<b>Segment Name</b>	<b>RHZ Assessment Unit</b>	<b>Area (Sq. Mi.)</b>	<b>Average Depth (Ft.)</b>	<b>Volume (Cu. Ft)</b>	<b>Median RHZ Capacity (cfu)</b>
Upper Galveston Bay	2421_01	16.8	9.5	4,449,392,640	1.76E+13
Upper Galveston Bay	2421_02	48.2	9.5	12,765,519,360	5.06E+13
Trinity Bay	2422_01	64.4	7.5	13,465,267,200	5.34E+13
East bay	2423_01	52.1	3.5	5,083,626,240	2.02E+13
Chocolate Bay	2432_01	7.6	3.5	741,565,440	2.94E+12
West Bay	2424_02	17.1	5	2,383,603,200	9.45E+12
Bastrop Bay/Oyster Lake	2433OW_02	0.75	2.2	46,122,025	1.83E+11
Christmas Bay	2434OW_01	0.70	2.2	42,871,404	1.70E+11
Drum Bay	2435OW_01	0.15	1.1	4,569,270	1.81E+10
Drum Bay	2435OW_02	1.82	1.1	55,689,892	2.21E+11
Lower Galveston Bay	2439_01	38.4	3.5	3,746,856,960	1.49E+13