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**Pinellas County Saltwater Beach Advisories LIFTED for
MOBBLY BAYOU and COURTNEY CAMPBELL CAUSEWAY BEACH**

The Pinellas County Health Department has **lifted** its **advisories** for the water in **Mobbly Bayou** and the **Courtney Campbell Causeway Beach**, based on the marine water bacterial indicator recommended by the EPA. The Pinellas County Health Department conducts saltwater beach testing through the Healthy Beaches Monitoring Program. Water samples are analyzed for enteric bacteria (both fecal coliform and enterococci) that normally inhabit the intestinal tracts of humans and animals, and may cause human disease, infections or rashes.

Water testing results from tests conducted 3/25/2008 at Mobbly Bayou Preserve:

Fecal Coliform	Fecal Coliform	Enterococci	Enterococci	Enterococci Geometric Mean	Enterococci Geometric Mean
CFU per 100 ml*	Water Quality*	CFU per 100 ml**	Water Quality**	Mean Average**	Water Quality**
1	Good	10	Good	26.63	Good

Water testing results from tests conducted 3/25/2008 at Courtney Campbell Causeway Beach:

Fecal Coliform	Fecal Coliform	Enterococci	Enterococci	Enterococci Geometric Mean	Enterococci Geometric Mean
CFU per 100 ml*	Water Quality*	CFU per 100 ml**	Water Quality**	Mean Average**	Water Quality**
1	Good	4	Good	34.25	Good

Water quality classifications are based upon:

* Florida Department of Environmental Protection's (DEP) adopted Criteria for Surface Water Quality Classifications (Chapter 62-302.530, Florida Administrative Code), which establishes a fecal coliform standard of no more than 399 colony forming units per 100 milliliters for 10% of the samples; and, ** United States Environmental Protection Agency's (EPA) recommended standard for enterococci of no more than 104 colony forming units per 100 milliliters of marine water, or a geometric mean of the five most current weekly samples of no more than 35.99 colony forming units per 100 milliliters of marine water.

For more information about the Healthy Beaches Monitoring Program, visit the Florida Department of Health's website at www.doh.state.fl.us/, click on the "Floridians and Visitors" icon, then scroll to the "Food, Water, Air, Land" section and select "Beach Water Quality."

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