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Boca Chica Beach Red Tide Advisory for People with Respiratory Conditions Lifted

Based on the most recent information provided by the Cameron County Extension Agent for Coastal and Marine Resources, the Cameron County Department of Health and Human Services has lifted the red tide advisory for people with respiratory conditions. Although efforts have been made by Cameron County Parks Department to pick up the fish kill, visitors are cautioned to be mindful of their pets as there may be sporadic dead fish on the shores which can pose a risk to dogs.

Red tide is associated with brevetoxin poisoning which is characterized by a combination of gastrointestinal and neurologic signs and symptoms. Dogs which have consumed dead fish can show signs and symptoms from 15 minutes to 18 hours after contact with the contaminated fish.

The Cameron County Extension Office, Cameron County Department of Health and Human Services and the Cameron County Parks Department will continue to monitor these reports to ensure the safety of beach visitors.

As more information becomes available, the public will be updated.

For additional information on red tide, please visit the Texas Parks and Wildlife Red Tide website at www.tpwd.state.tx.us/landwater/water/enviroconcerns/hab/redtide/.

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