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Health advisory lifted for water contact at Indian Beach

Testing shows fecal bacteria levels have subsided at Clatsop County beach

A health advisory for contact with marine water at Indian Beach in Clatsop County was lifted today by the Oregon Health Authority's Public Health Division in conjunction with the Oregon Department of Environmental Quality and the Oregon Parks and Recreation Department.

The advisory was issued Wednesday, May 25, after water samples at Indian Beach showed higher-than-normal levels of fecal bacteria in the marine water. Subsequent testing showed the contamination had subsided and the water did not pose a higher-than-normal risk associated with water-contact activities.

State officials encourage recreational activities at all Oregon beaches, suggesting only that water contact be avoided when advisories are in effect.

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Since 2003 state officials have used a federal Environmental Protection Agency grant to monitor popular Oregon beaches and make timely reports to the public about elevated levels of fecal bacteria. Oregon state agencies participating in this program are the Public Health Division, Oregon Department of Environmental Quality and the Oregon Parks and Recreation Department. For more information contact the Beach Monitoring Program at 971-673-0400 or www.healthoregon.org/beach; also contact the Oregon Public Health toll-free information line at 1-877-290-6767.

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