

NEWS RELEASE

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RE: Elevated bacteria levels at Philips Lake

On Thursday, August 31, 2006 the swimming beach at Philips Lake Park was closed by the Mason County Department of Health Services due to an elevated level of bacteria in the water. Although swimming is not allowed at the park or boat launch, the area is being posted to warn people about the high levels of bacteria and to remind them not to swim in the lake.

The Health Department performs bacteriological monitoring at the lake once a month during the summer, from Memorial Day to Labor Day as part of a voluntary lakes program.

If you have questions, please contact Stephanie Kenny, at (360) 427-9670 extension 581.

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