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The seaward boundary of the State of Texas extends three marine leagues into the Gulf of Mexico from the coastline. (U.S. v. Louisiana, 363 U.S. 1 (1960); Nat. Res. Code Secs. 11.012 and 11.013) This is a distance equal to nine nautical miles, or 10.359 statute miles. (*Employers Mut. Cas. Co. v. Samuels*, 407 S.W.2d 839 (Tex. Civ. App. - San Antonio 1966, writ ref'd n.r.e.)) Within this boundary, the state owns the water and the beds and shores of the Gulf of Mexico and the arms of the gulf, including all land which is covered by the gulf and the arms of the gulf either at low tide or high tide. (Nat. Res. Code Sec. 11.012). It is well-settled that the public has a general right to boat and fish in the waters of the Gulf of Mexico within Texas, including all of its bays and arms. (A.G. Op. M-1210 (1972))

We are all stakeholders of the bay and it is our responsibility to keep public areas PUBLIC.