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Fifth Annual Winter Beach Clean up Feb. 21 *Patterson calls for volunteers in the Coastal Bend*

AUSTIN — The Fifth Annual Winter Beach Cleanup will be held Saturday, February 21 announced Jerry Patterson, Commissioner of the Texas General Land Office. The cleanups will take place at three locations along the Coastal Bend shoreline.

“The volunteers who help out with the Adopt-A-Beach Winter Clean Up are a dedicated lot,” Patterson said. “We can’t promise warm weather but we can promise a warm feeling of satisfaction knowing that you’ve helped keep the Texas coast beautiful.”

The Winter Beach Cleanup is one of three all-volunteer seasonal cleanups coordinated through the Adopt-A-Beach Program of the Texas General Land Office. Registration will begin at 8:30 a.m. The beach cleanups will be from 9 a.m. to noon.

Each year, Texas’ beaches receive large amounts of marine debris due to a convergence of currents in the Gulf of Mexico. Since 1986, more than 374,000 Adopt-A-Beach volunteers have picked up more than 7,100 tons of this debris, some of it originating as far away as Greece. Volunteers record data on the trash to learn more about the causes of marine debris and to help mitigate pollution along Texas’ 367 miles of coastline.

The Texas General Land Office’s Adopt-A-Beach Program is funded primarily by private contributions. To help out, or for more information, call the General Land Office at 1-877-TXCOAST or visit our Web site at <http://www.texasadoptabeach.org>.

Who: Winter beach cleanup volunteers
What: GLO Adopt-A-Beach Program Winter Beach Cleanup
When: Saturday, February 21, 2009
8:30 a.m. to 9 a.m. – registration
9 a.m. to noon – cleanup
Where: **Aransas Pass** – Redfish Bay, Lighthouse Lakes Park, 4 miles east of Aransas Pass on Highway 361, contact Lois Huff 361-882-3439, lois.huff@texasadoptabeach.org
Corpus Christi – Texas State Aquarium, 2710 N. Shoreline Blvd., contact Kristin Ralls 361-881-1321, kristin.ralls@texasadoptabeach.org
Padre Island National Seashore – Malaquite Visitors Center, 20420 Park Rd. 22, contact Buzz Botts 361-949-8068, buzz.botts@texasadoptabeach.org

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