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City of South Padre Island initiates cleanup following cold-stun fish event

South Padre Island, TX, Feb. 2, 2026: The City of South Padre Island Shoreline Department is actively monitoring and addressing a fish kill event occurring along the Laguna Madre bayside. Due to the rapid drop in water temperature, local fish populations have become cold-stunned, leading to significant mortality in the shallow bay waters.

Shoreline crews are actively working to collect and dispose of dead fish from the bay areas to mitigate environmental and sanitation impacts. The public is strongly advised not to collect or consume any dead or lethargic fish found in the water or along the shore. These fish may potentially harbor bacteria or have been exposed to toxins as a result of the decomposition process.

The City of South Padre Island remains committed to maintaining the beauty and health of our coastal environment. We appreciate the public's patience as our teams work through the cleanup process in these challenging weather conditions.