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Larger than average sargassum expected to arrive on South Padre Island

South Padre Island, TX, June 10, 2017: The City of South Padre Island obtained information that we are expecting today and tomorrow larger than average sargassum landing on our beaches.

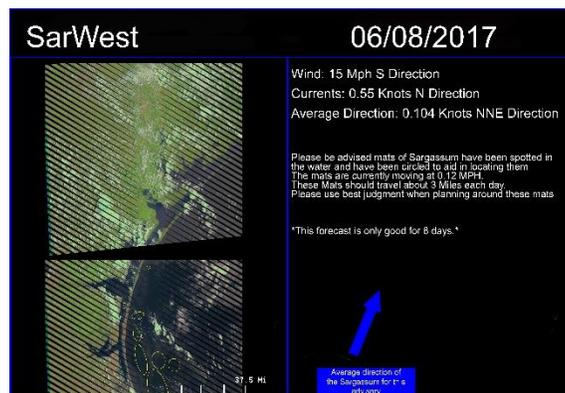
In preparation crews have been out all week picking up sargassum and placing in the dune system. Overnight a landing occurred, however high tide this morning prevented crews and equipment from being able to clean up what landed last night and this morning.

"Due to large crowds utilizing the beaches today for safety reasons we are not taking large equipment out on the beach," stated Darla Jones, assistant city manager, "However it appears the tide schedule will allow crews to begin first thing in the morning to clean landings that arrived this afternoon and overnight."

City of South Padre Island strives to strike a balance between what's most healthy and ecological while maintaining an esthetic the public can enjoy.

"We appreciate your support and help reaching this goal." added Jones.

Overnight a large mat of sargassum arrived. In the next few days, more large mats of sargassum are landing on South Padre Island. Satellite images have identified large mats and are currently moving approximately three miles per day.



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