

March 5, 2021

Here is an update on the algae/cyanotoxin situation near Hudson Bend.

- We received an additional test result today (Friday, March 5):
 - Low concentrations of dihydroanatoxin, a type of cyanotoxin, were detected in a water sample taken Feb. 22 from the Travis Landing area on the east side of Hudson Bend. Cyanotoxin, which can be fatal to dogs and other animals, is found in blue-green algae when it is producing toxins.
 - An earlier test on a water sample taken at the same time at the same location did not detect cyanotoxin. That earlier sample was analyzed for four major types of cyanotoxins. We submitted a sample for more sophisticated testing, and the testing we are reporting today detected the presence of dihydroanatoxin, a type of cyanotoxin.
 - As we reported last week, the test of the solid material gathered on the side of the lake, which included algae and decaying algae, also detected the presence of cyanotoxin. That test detected cyanotoxin in a significantly greater amount than was detected in the water.
- This week, we did not receive any additional reports of dogs becoming ill after swimming in the Hudson Bend area or any other part of Lake Travis.
- Please remember that algae may be present in Lake Travis and other lakes at any time. Do not let dogs play in or eat algae, and stay away from stagnant water or water that has decaying matter in it.

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