

MEMORANDUM FOR NAVIGATION INTERESTS

SUBJECT: Forecast of Dredging and Marine Construction

SNWW - SABINE PASS CHANNEL

The dredge "**George D. Williams**" (Weeks) is operating in the Sabine Pass Channel. Floating and submerged lines extend behind the dredge to the placement area on the east side of the channel.

HGNC – HSC, DEEPENING AND WIDENING – LOWER BAYOU

The dredge "**Meridian**" (Bean/Stuyvesant) has left the Lower Bayou project to dredge a project for the Wilmington District and is not expected to return to Galveston District until mid-Jan 2002.

A subcontractor is also placing stone shore protection on the northeast and southeast banks of Alexander Island Placement area.

HGNC – HSC DEEPENING AND WIDENING – MID-BAY

Weeks Marine has begun work on HGNC Mid Bay, starting with levee construction at PA 14 and 15. Barges are being used to transport equipment to/from the placement areas. A bucket dredge is schedule to arrive in mid-Dec to begin the portion of the channel below the bend at Redfish Reef vicinity, between lights 49 to 51 and the pipeline plug between lights 45 and 43. The bucket dredge should sit on the side of the channel; scows towed (not pushed) by tugs will transport the material offshore. The pipeline dredge "**Tom James**" should arrive in Dec and begin dredging the flare and outer portion of Bayport Channel. Material will be placed in PA 14 and 15. The pipeline dredge "**Venture**" is also scheduled to arrive in Dec and begin dredging the south boaters cut in the vicinity of light 61.

GIWW-BRAZOS RIVER TO BOGGY

The dredge "**J.N. Fisher**" (King Fisher) will be dredging in the Brazos River Crossing, and in the GIWW, east of the floodgates. This work may require the closure of the locks for periods of up to 8 hours, as necessary. Closures will begin when the dredge will be obstructing traffic, and will not exceed 8 hrs, then the channel will be re-opened for traffic until cleared. Floating discharge pipeline from dredge to placement area south east of intersection. Estimated completion is June 2002.

**GULF INTRACOASTAL WATERWAY, TEXAS
COLORADO RIVER LOCKS**

J&S CONTRACTORS is working on the east & west guide walls of the Colorado River Locks. This work may require the closure of the locks for periods of up to 10 hours, as necessary. Work to be performed between 7:30 a.m. to 5:30 p.m., no work on weekends or holidays. Estimated completion is 11 January, 2002.

**GULF INTRACOASTAL WATERWAY, TEXAS
CHANNEL TO PALACIOS**

The Dredge “**Jason LaQuay**” (T.W. LaQuay Dredging) will be operating in the Channel to Palacios beginning near the Turning Basin and dig inbound. Floating and submerged lines will extend to Placement Areas on the West bank. Estimated completion is January 2002.

**GULF INTRACOASTAL WATERWAY, TEXAS
CHANNEL TO VICTORIA**

The Dredge “**32**” (Mike Hooks) will be operating in the Victoria Barge Canal between the Missouri-Pacific Railroad Bridge and the Turning Basin. Floating and submerged lines will extend to a Placement Area located on the West Bank. Expected completion time is March 2002.

**MATAGORDA SHIP CHANNEL, TEXAS
ENTRANCE CHANNEL**

The Hopper Dredge “**Padre Island**” (NATCO) completed on Oct 29 and is now offsite.

**MATAGORDA SHIP CHANNEL, TEXAS
MATAGORDA PENINSULA TO POINT COMFORT**

Dredging is complete, the dredge “**Leonard Fisher**” is now offsite. Tug, (King Fisher), material barge, crane barge and crew boat working on shoreline of Sundown Island (Placement Area 116-A) near GIWW Mile Marker 470 installing shore protection. Expected completion is December 2001.

**GULF INTRACOASTAL WATERWAY, TEXAS
PORT O’CONNOR TO SAN ANTONIO BAY
EROSION PROTECTION**

Tug, (King Fisher), material barge, crane barge and crew boat working on shoreline between Port O’Connor and San Antonio Bay installing shore protection. Expected completion is August 2002.

- *Mariners are urged to transit at their slowest safe speed to minimize wake and proceed with caution after passing arrangements have been made.*
- *Dredging operations are continuous, 24 hrs, 7 days, unless otherwise noted.*
- *Dredging operations will continue through the month unless otherwise indicated.*
- *Dredges monitor channel 13 and/or 16 on marine VHF radio, respective dredges should be contacted for coordination of passing and movement near operations.*

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