

MEMORANDUM FOR NAVIGATION INTERESTS

SUBJECT: Forecast of Dredging and Marine Construction

SNWW – MIDDLE REACH NECHES RIVER CHANNEL

The pipeline Dredge “**Marion**” (Pine Bluff Sand & Gravel) will be performing dredging operations in the Neches River, moving north. Submerged and floating pipeline will extend behind the dredge to Placement Area No. 18 on the east side of the channel.

SNWW – SABINE NECHES CANAL SECTION B & SABINE RIVER CHANNEL

The pipeline Dredge “**Leonard M. Fisher**” will be performing dredging operations in the Sabine River, moving west. Submerged and floating pipeline will extend behind the dredge to Placement Area No. 29A on the north side of the channel.

GALVESTON HARBOR CHANNEL

Dredging for this project is expected to begin near mid to late July. Mike Hooks is the contractor and he is expected to perform the dredging with the Dredge “32”. Dredging of the U.S. Coast Guard Docks/Slips is expected to begin around the same time frame with a small 8 to 10 inch dredge. The material from that activity will be pumped into the Galveston Harbor Channel and picked by the larger dredge on the main channel.

HSC, DEEPENING AND WIDENING (HGNC) – MID BAYOU

Continental Dredging will begin dredging in the vicinity of mile marker Red #58 with a drag bar dredge on Monday, July 7, 2003.

The dredge CALIFORNIA will begin mobilizing on site near the end of July 2003.

Luhr Bros. is constructing rock dikes for the new Goat Island placement area in the general vicinity of channel markers RED #126 to RED #124 and will continue for the next several months. Installation of the rock dike and digging of access channels from the ship channel to work area will continue over the next 4-5 months. Luhr will also be completing bay bottom surveys between the ship channel and land in this area.

HSC, DEEPENING AND WIDENING (HGNC) – LOWER BAYOU

The Dredge “**Meridian**” is dredging the “green” side upstream across from the Exxon Docks through the Alexander Island Pipeline Corridor. Dredge material is being used to construct hydraulic levees at Alexander Island.

HSC, DEEPENING AND WIDENING (HGNC) – MID-BAY

Hopper Dredge “**B.E. Lindholm**” and “**R.N. Weeks**” are working in Houston Ship Channel between Markers 51 and 57. Material is being transported to the offshore placement area. The operations are timed so that neither dredge is excavating the channel at the same time.

Pipeline dredge “**Tom James**” is working in Houston Ship Channel vicinity Marker 73 and progressing inbound. Material is being pumped to the new Mid Bay

Marsh site, which is located on the east side of the channel near Marker 70. Shallow draft boat operators are advised that a dredge pipeline crosses the new North Boater Cut. The natural cut near Marker 68 will soon be closed. Operators are advised to use either Five-Mile Cut or the South Boater Cut near HSC Marker 62 for access east of Houston Ship Channel.

The offshore placement area is located outside the Galveston jetties, south of the Entrance Channel. Mariners are cautioned not to traverse or anchor within the limits of the placement area, as it will interfere with dredging operations. Vessels anchored within the placement area will be asked to move. Coordinates of the placement area, referenced to NAD 83 (degrees-minutes) are as follows:

LAT.	LON.	LAT.	LON.
29°15N	94°40W	29°14N	94°41W
29°12N	94°39W	29°13N	94°43W

TRINITY RIVER AND TRIBUTARIES, CHANNEL TO SMITH POINT AND MARSH CREATION

Weeks Marine, Inc. is installing Geotubes in the bay, immediately north of Smith Point, to construct a confined dredge fill placement area. Starting early July, a dredge will be working in the Channel to Liberty, from its intersection with Houston Ship Channel, and moving in a generally easterly direction past Smith Point. Submerged and floating pipelines will extend behind the dredge to placement areas on the north side of the channel.

COLORADO RIVER AND TRIBUTARIES, TEXAS MOUTH OF COLORADO NAVIGATION CHANNEL IN MATAGORDA COUNTY, TEXAS

The cutterhead dredge "Mike Hooks" (Mike Hooks, Inc) will be operating in the Mouth of the Colorado River dredging the Navigation Channel and Impoundment Basin beginning approximately 9 June. Floating and submerged lines will extend to the Beach Placement Area located west of the West Jetty. Dredging of the Turning Basin will begin following completion of operations at the Mouth of the Colorado. Estimated completion is July 2003.

Construction of a Sediment Training Structure in the Mouth of the Colorado awarded to Luhr Brothers, Inc, is to begin in July 2003. Estimated completion is August 2003.

GULF INTRACOASTAL WATERWAY, TEXAS BAFFIN BAY TO PORT ISABEL

The Dredge "Jason LaQuay" (T.W. LaQuay Dredging, Inc.) will be operating in the Gulf Intracoastal Waterway between Mile Marker 578 near Baffin Bay and Mile Marker 666 at Port Isabel. Floating and submerged lines will extend to Placement Areas on both sides. Estimated completion is June 2003.

GULF INTRACOASTAL WATERWAY, TEXAS CHANNEL TO VICTORIA & CHANNEL TO SEADRIFT

The Dredge "J.N. Fisher" (King Fisher Marine Service, Inc.) is now offsite.

**GULF INTRACOASTAL WATERWAY, TEXAS
MAIN CHANNEL IN MATAGORDA BAY & NATURAL BAY BOTTOM ROUTE**
The Dredge “**J.N. Fisher**” (King Fisher Marine Service, Inc.) is now offsite.

**MATAGORDA SHIP CHANNEL, TEXAS
GALINIPPER POINT TO POINT COMFORT**
The Dredge “**Jason LaQuay**” (T.W. LaQuay Dredging, Inc.) is now offsite.

**GULF INTRACOASTAL WATERWAY, TEXAS
TURNSTAKE ISLAND TO RATTLESNAKE POINT**
The Dredge “**J.N. Fisher**” (King Fisher Marine Service, Inc.) will be operating in the Gulf Intracoastal Waterway across San Antonio Bay between Mile Marker 492 and Mile Marker 501. Floating and submerged lines will extend to Placement Areas on both sides. Estimated completion is July 2003.

**BIH – BRAZOS ISLAND HARBOR, TEXAS
BROWNSVILLE SHIP CHANNEL**
The Dredge “**Tom James**” (Weeks Marine, Inc.) is now offsite.

**CORPUS CHRISTI SHIP CHANNEL, TEXAS
CORPUS CHRISTI ENTRANCE CHANNEL**
The Hopper Dredge “**Atchafalaya**” (B & B Dredging, Inc.) will be operating in the Corpus Christi Entrance Channel between the Outer Bar and the Inner Basin. The Hopper Dredge will be utilizing a Placement Area located on the south side of the Outer Bar Channel. Estimated completion date is July 2003.

- » *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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