

MEMORANDUM FOR NAVIGATION INTERESTS

SUBJECT: Forecast of Dredging and Marine Construction

SNWW – UPPER REACH NECHES RIVER CHANNEL, PORT ARTHUR CANAL JUNCTION AREA, AND PORT ARTHUR CANAL JUNCTION AREA, AND PORT ARTHUR TURNING BASINS ENTRANCE CHANNEL IN JEFFERSON AND ORANGE COUNTIES, TEXAS

The contract dredge “**Marion**” is dredging operations in the Upper Reach of the Neches River. Floating and submerged pipelines will extend to placement area 27-B on the north side of the channel. The contractor is Pine Bluff Sand & Gravel.

HSC, UPPER BAY AND BARGE LANES

Pipeline dredge “**John LaQuay**” has completed dredging the barge lanes and is expected to move offsite by 10 May 2005. Dredge “**Jason LaQuay**” has moved off site.

HSC, BAYPORT SHIP CHANNEL

Pipeline dredge “**Dredge 32**” (Mike Hooks, Inc.) dredge operations in Bayport Ship Channel. Material will be pumped down to the Mid Bay Beneficial Use Site. Dredging is expected to last thru mid June. Dredge will then move down and dredge Houston Ship Channel between Markers 71/72 and 75/76.

**GULF INTRACOASTAL WATERWAY, TEXAS
SAN BENARD RIVER TO EAST MATAGORDA BAY**

The Dredge “**J.N. Fisher**” and related floating plants are conducting dredging operations in the GIWW. The dredge is around Mile Marker 433 and moving east. Floating and submerged lines will extend to Placement Area.

**CORPUS CHRISTI SHIP CHANNEL, TEXAS
LOWER BAY AND LA QUINTA CHANNEL**

The Dredge “**Leonard Fisher**” (Kingfisher Marine Service, LP) will be operating at the confluence of the Corpus Christi Ship Channel and the La Quinta Channel near the La Quinta Junction. Floating and submerged discharge lines will extend to a Placement Area located on the South Bank of the Corpus Christi Ship Channel and on the West Bank of the La Quinta Channel. Estimated completion is June 2005.

**GULF INTRACOASTAL WATERWAY, TEXAS
PACKERY CHANNEL**

Luhr Brothers, Inc. will be operating in the proposed Packery Channel via the Gulf Intracoastal Waterway which parallels the East half of the Kennedy Causeway Bridge. Large single stone barges will be staged along the mouth of the Lydia Ann Channel near Harbor Island in Port Aransas and near Mile Marker **547** in Corpus Christi Bay. Tows with stone barges and related floating plant will be operating/anchoring along the proposed Packery Channel. Tows will be delivering multiple stone barges for construction of Jetties. Estimated completion is April 2005.

- » *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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