

MEMORANDUM FOR NAVIGATION INTERESTS

SUBJECT: Forecast of Dredging and Marine Construction

**SNWW – PORT ARTHUR CANAL JUNCTION AREA AND PORT ARTHUR
TURNING BASINS ENTRANCE CHANNEL IN JEFFERSON COUNTY, TEXAS**

The Dredge “**Leonard Fisher**” has started dredging Port Arthur Canal and Entrance Channel. The dredge pipeline will cross under the Intracoastal Canal to Placement Area No. 9 on the west side.

FREEMPORT HARBOR ENTRANCE AND JETTY CHANNELS

The Dredge “**Stuyvesant**” will begin dredging the Freeport Entrance and Jetty Channels on 24 December 2005 and continue for approximately one month. The dredge will utilize an offshore placement area for placement of dredged material.

HSC - SIMS BAYOU TO TURNING BASINS, USCG BASIN

Pipeline dredges “**Jason LaQuay**” and “**John C. LaQuay**” resumed dredging the Houston Ship Channel, Sims Bayou to Turning Basins, and U. S. Coast Guard Basin in late October. The two dredges will finish the Upper Turning Basin and the downstream end of the contract near Brady Island to downstream of the Loop 610 Bridge, including the US Coast Guard Basin. Floating, submerged, and land-laid pipelines extend to Stimpson House-Tract Placement Area. The Contractor is T.W. LaQuay Dredging, Inc. The dredging should be complete in a couple of months.

**GULF INTRACOASTAL WATERWAY, TEXAS
MAIN CHANNEL ACROSS MATAGORDA BAY AND
NATURAL BAY BOTTOM ROUTE**

T.W. LaQuay Dredging will begin dredging the GIWW in Matagorda Bay. Anticipated start of dredging will be in mid-January. The dredge will utilize “Bird Island” Placement Area 116-A. Dredging will take approximately one month, near mile-marker 470.

**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.

**CORPUS CHRISTI SHIP CHANNEL, TEXAS
LA QUINTA JUNCTION TO MAIN TURNING BASIN**

The Dredge “**JN Fisher**” (Kingfisher Marine Service, LP) will be operating in the Corpus Christi Ship Channel, in Corpus Christi Bay. Floating and submerged discharge lines will extend to Placement Areas on the South side of the channel and North side of the Basin. Estimated completion is mid January 2006.

- » *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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