



**DEPARTMENT OF THE ARMY**  
**GALVESTON DISTRICT, CORPS OF ENGINEERS**  
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February 2, 2026

**JOINT PUBLIC NOTICE**

The U.S. Army Corps of Engineers, Galveston District (USACE), in partnership with the Sabine Neches Navigation District (SNND) have undertaken the Sabine Neches Waterway Improvement Project Section 203 Feasibility Study, which seeks to evaluate potential improvements to the Gulf Intracoastal Waterway (GIWW) in Jefferson and Orange Counties, Texas. The proposed action would widen the existing federal navigation channel by 100 feet along three segments of the left descending bank, over a combined length of approximately 19.4 miles in order to address existing vessel traffic restrictions.

A Draft Integrated Feasibility Report and Environmental Assessment (DIFR-EA) and a Finding of No Significant Impact (FONSI) have been prepared to present the findings and recommendations of alternative evaluations, as well as disclose the potential impacts to the human and natural environment if any of the alternatives were implemented. The DIFR-EA and FONSI were prepared by the SNND under the authority of Section 203 of the Water Resources Development Act (WRDA) of 1986, as amended (33 U.S. Code 2231) consistent with the provisions of the National Environmental Policy Act.

A 30-day public comment period begins on February 2, 2026 and ends March 4, 2026. The DIFR-EA and Draft FONSI can be viewed on the USACE Galveston District website at: <https://www.swg.usace.army.mil/Projects/Sabine-Neches-Waterway-Section-203/Sabine-Neches-Waterway-Section-203-Project-Documents/>.

Written comments should be addressed to Mr. Blake Westmoreland, Regional Planning and Environmental Center, 2000 Fort Point Road, Galveston, Texas 77550 or by e-mail at CESWG-SNWW-203-STUDY@usace.army.mil

This public notice is also issued to advise all known interested parties that there is a pending decision on a water quality certification before the Texas Commission on Environmental Quality. Any comments concerning this application may be submitted to Texas Commission on Environmental Quality, 401 Coordinator, MC-150, P.O. Box 13087, Austin, Texas 78711-3087. A copy of the public notice, with a description of work, has been made available for review in the TCEQ's Austin Office.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in blue ink, appearing to read "R. Morrow", is located below the "Sincerely," text.

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