

MEMORANDUM FOR NAVIGATION INTERESTS

SUBJECT: Forecast of Dredging and Marine Construction

HGNC – HSC, DEEPENING AND WIDENING - UPPER BAYOU

Dredge “**Millennium**” (Renda) is operating in the Houston Ship Channel near Boggy Bayou Basin. Pipeline is floating outside of channel on north side, and then is submerged, crossing Carpenter’s Bayou. Placement will continue to Lost Lake through the duration of the project.

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 late June or early July 2001.

HGNC – HSC, DEEPENING AND WIDENING – UPPER BAY

The dredge “**George D. Williams**” (Weeks) has completed dredging in the HSC. The George D. Williams is currently operating in the Atkinson Island Mooring Basin. After completion of the basin, they will be leaving the Houston area to work at the Mouth of the Colorado. They will return in approx 2 – 2 ½ months. Discharge lines extend to Placement Area No. 15 on the east side of the HSC.

GIWW - GALVESTON CAUSEWAY TO BASTROP BAYOU

There are no dredges currently operating in this reach of channel, with the exception of a small dredge that will be operating outside the channel limits on the bay side of the mooring buoys near mile marker 375. It is possible that a dredge from King Fisher may commence channel dredging sometime this month, near mile marker 373. Expected project completion is April 2001.

GIWW - ROLLOVER PASS TO GALVESTON CAUSEWAY

There are no dredges currently operating in this reach of channel. It is possible that a dredge from King Fisher will begin dredging the reach of the GIWW near mile marker 349, near the entrance to Port Bolivar, at some time during the month. Dredged materials from this reach will be deposited on the rock groin on the north side of Bolivar Peninsula. Expected contract completion is April 2001.

GIWW – BRAZOS RIVER FLOODGATES

J&S Contractors, Inc. will be working on the east floodgates and associated mechanical systems, Mondays through Fridays. The floodgates have been removed from the recesses and work will be performed on the bank adjacent to the GIWW. Expected completion is August 2001.

MOUTH OF THE COLORADO

Weeks Marine will be operating in the Mouth of the Colorado River and Impoundment Basin (South of Tiger Island Channel) on or about March 1, 2001. Weeks Marine will begin dredging on the Colorado River Navigation Channel first, from Station No. 34+000 to Station No. 30+000 (Section 1) and from Station No. 37+000 to Station No. 34+000 (Section 5). Colorado River Impoundment Basin will be dredged second (Sections 2 through 4). The Dredge **George D. Williams** (Weeks) will be assigned to dredge this area. Floating lines will extend along the west bank to an Open Placement Area located along the beach west of the south jetty. Estimated completion is April 2001.

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

The Dredge "**Leonard Fisher**" (King Fisher) will be operating in the Matagorda Ship Channel beginning at Mile Marker 18 and dig inbound. Floating and submerged lines will extend to Placement Areas located on the East Bank. Estimated completion is September 2001.

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

The Dredge "**J.N. Fisher**" (King Fisher) will be operating in the Gulf Intracoastal Waterway between Mile Marker 467 and Mile Marker 470. Floating and submerged discharge lines will extend in a southerly direction to Sundown Island Placement Area. Expected completion is March 2001. (By the end of February will move offsite)

**CORPUS CHRISTI SHIP CHANNEL, TEXAS
CORPUS CHRISTI BAY THRU MAIN TURNING BASIN AND RINCON CANAL**

The Dredge "**32**" (Mike Hooks) will operate in the Corpus Christi Ship Channel from Mile Marker 18 to the Main Turning Basin. Floating and submerged lines will extend to both banks. Expected completion is May 2001. The Dredge "**Jewel II**" (FIVE STAR DREDGING) will be operating in the Rincon Canal near Corpus Christi Ship Channel Mile Marker 18 near and under the Portland Causeway. Floating and submerged lines will extend to Placement Areas on both East and West Banks. Expected completion is April 2001.

**GULF INTRACOASTAL WATERWAY, TEXAS
LAGUNA MADRE TO PORT ISABEL**

The Dredge "**Shamrock**" (King Fisher) will be operating in the Gulf Intracoastal Waterway beginning at Port Mansfield vicinity between Mile Marker 581 and Mile Marker 585 and then move to vicinity of Mile Marker 574. The Dredge "**J.N. Fisher**" (King Fisher) will be operating in the Gulf Intracoastal Waterway beginning between Mile Markers 655 and 658 and then move to between Mile Markers 582 and 585. Floating and submerged discharge lines will extend to Placement Areas on the West Bank. Expected completion is June 2001.

- *Caution and slow speed is advised near all ongoing work areas.*
- *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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