

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, DEEPENING AND WIDENING (HGNC) – MID BAYOU

The dredge “**CALIFORNIA**” is conducting dredge operations upstream approximately three (3) miles south of the Lynchburg Ferry working upstream. Floating and submerged pipelines will extend to the Goat Island placement area.

HSC, UPPER BAY AND BARGE LANES

Pipeline dredge “**Jason LaQuay**” is working in HSC on the barge lane on the green side of the channel between Marker 89 and the Bayport Flare. Material is being placed in Houston Ship Channel.

HSC, LOWER BAYOU

Pipeline dredge “**John LaQuay**” is working downstream of SH 146 bridge. Floating and submerged pipelines will extend to the Alexander Island Placement Area.

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

The Dredge “**Everett Fisher**” and related floating plants will begin dredging operations in the Colorado River Crossing December 16, 2004. Dredging in the Colorado River Crossing will be from 7:00 p.m. to 7:00 a.m. for approximately 10 days duration. Dredging in the entire reach will continue thereafter. Floating and submerged lines will extend to Placement Area.

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

The Dredge “**Everett Fisher**” (Kingfisher Marine Service, LP) is now offsite.

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

The Dredge “**Leonard Fisher**” (Kingfisher Marine Service, LP) is now offsite

**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 Areas 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.

**GULF INTRACOASTAL WATERWAY, TEXAS
BAFFIN BAY TO PORT ISABEL**

The Dredge “**JN Fisher**” is now offsite.

**GULF INTRACOASTAL WATERWAY, TEXAS
CHANNEL TO HARLINGEN**

The Dredge “**Shamrock**” is now offsite. (Kingfisher Marine Service, LP) is now offsite.

- » *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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