

## MEMORANDUM FOR NAVIGATION INTERESTS

SUBJECT: Forecast of Dredging and Marine Construction *-UPDATE*  
(**This only supersedes previous Forecast for January – the February Forecast is forthcoming**)

**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 continue dredging the Freeport Entrance and Jetty Channels approximately until the middle of February. 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 **by the end of February**.

**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.

**GULF INTRACOASTAL WATERWAY, TEXAS  
CHANNEL TO VICTORIA MIDDLE REACH**

The Dredges “**JN Fisher**” and “**Shamrock**” (Kingfisher Marine Service, LP) will be operating in the Channel to Victoria between mile marker 12.3 and mile marker 24.6 . Floating, submerged, and land-laid discharge lines will extend to upland Placement Areas on the North side of the channel. Estimated completion is mid April, 2006.

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

The Dredge "**Jason LaQuay**" (LaQuay Dredging) will be operating in the Gulf Intracoastal Waterway in the Matagorda Bay, and the Alternate Channel ( Natural Bay Bottom Route) between mile marker 468.70 and mile marker 470.90 . Floating, submerged, and land-laid discharge lines will extend to upland Placement Area on the South side of the channel. Estimated completion is mid March 2006.

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

The Dredge "**John C. LaQuay**" (LaQuay Dredging) will be operating in the MATAGORDA SHIP CHANNEL between mile marker 12.3 and mile marker 24.6 . Floating, and submerged discharge lines will extend to upland Placement Areas on the North side of the channel. Estimated completion is mid April, 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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