

MEMORANDUM FOR NAVIGATION INTERESTS

SUBJECT: Forecast of Dredging and Marine Construction

**SNWW- PORT ARTHUR CANAL, LOWER NECHES RIVER IN JEFFERSON COUNTY,
TEXAS**

The Dredge "George D. Williams" will be dredging on the lower Neches River upstream from the Rainbow Bridge. Floating and submerged dredge pipelines will be extended to Placement Area No. 12 on the south side of the channel.

BAYPORT SHIP CHANNEL

The dredge "George D. Williams" (Weeks Marine) is anticipated to arrive in mid-January and will begin dredging the flare, working towards the turning basin. Material will be placed at Mid Bay Marsh located adjacent to the channel near Marker 70.

HSC – PEGGY LAKE EROSION REPAIRS

R.L.B Contracting is installing erosion control riprap around Peggy Lake Placement Area, near the San Jacinto Monument. The Contractor will primarily deliver rock by local roads, but may also dig access channels to permit barges from the Houston Ship Channel, to access Peggy Lake.

HSC – MULTIPLE PLACEMENT AREA EROSION REPAIRS

Luhr Bros. Inc. will be installing erosion control riprap around six placement areas, starting in December 2006 and continuing into the summer of 2007. The six sites include Bolivar Marsh, Goat Island, Mid Bay Marsh Placement Area, Redfish Island, Spilman Island, and Placement Area No. 14. The areas are mostly adjacent to the east side of the Houston Ship Channel, between the San Jacinto Monument and Bolivar Peninsula. The Contractor will primarily deliver rock by digging access channels to permit barges from the Houston Ship Channel, to access the worksites.

HSC – MORGANS POINT TO EXXON

The dredge "John LaQuay" (LaQuay Dredging) is scheduled to complete dredging Greens Bayou at the end of December and will move to dredge Houston Ship Channel between SH146 bridge and Exxon. Material will be placed at Alexander Island.

FREEPORT HARBOR, TEXAS**ENTRANCE AND JETTY CHANNELS IN BRAZORIA COUNTY, TEXAS**

The Hopper Dredge COLUMBIA, B+B Dredging Company, is currently dredging the entrance and jetty channels. The estimated completion of this work is January 2007.

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

The Dredge "Jason LaQuay" (LaQuay Dredging) will be operating in the Matagorda Ship Channel from the Pt Comfort Turning Basin toward the GIWW intersection. Floating and submerged discharge lines will extend to Placement Areas on the East side of the channel. Estimated completion is February 2007.

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

The Dredge "**J. N. Fisher**" (Kingfisher Marine Service, LP) will be operating in the Victoria Barge Canal between Mile Markers 3 and 6. Floating and submerged discharge lines will extend to Placement Areas on the East side of the channel. Estimated completion is March 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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