

MEMORANDUM FOR NAVIGATION INTERESTS

SUBJECT: Forecast of Dredging and Marine Construction

HOUSTON SHIP CHANNEL – SIMS BAYOU TO TURNING BASIN AND LIGHT DRAFT CHANNEL, IN HARRIS COUNTY, TEXAS

The Cutterhead Dredge "John C. LaQuay" (T.W. LaQuay Dredging) will begin dredging Houston Ship Channel beginning in late January 2010. All material will be placed at Housetract Placement Area. The small cutterhead dredge "White Rock" will be used to dredge the Light Draft Channel.

BAYPORT MAIN CHANNEL TO TURNING BASIN, IN HARRIS COUNTY, TEXAS

Mike Hooks, Inc. is conducting maintenance dredging in the Bayport Flare, main channel and turning basin. The Contractor is currently dredging outbound in the main channel and is located near the mouth of the land cut. Dredged material is being deposited in Placement Area 14 adjacent to the red side of the Houston Ship Channel.

HGNC – GALVESTON CHANNEL DEEPENING STATION 20+000 to 8+031.53

King Fisher Marines' pipeline Dredge "Wayman Boyd." A submerged line, pontoon line and shore pipeline is in place to Pelican Island. Currently no dredging taking place.

GALVESTON HARBOR AND CHANNEL – GALVESTON HARBOR AND JETTY AND ENTRANCE CHANNELS IN GALVESTON COUNTY, TEXAS

The Hopper Dredge "Bayport" (Manson Construction). Currently no dredging taking place.

GALVESTON HARBOR AND CHANNEL – GALVESTON HARBOR AND JETTY AND ENTRANCE CHANNELS IN GALVESTON COUNTY, TEXAS

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FREEPORT HARBOR, TEXAS ENTRANCE CHANNEL, JETTY, & LOWER TURNING BASIN IN, BRAZORIA COUNTY, TEXAS

Javeler Construction will be dredging in the US Coast Guard Basin in the Freeport Ship Channel near Station 63+35 starting on or about 05 January 2010. Dredging operations will take place from a barge tended by tug "Blanche Marie". The dredge "Bayport" from Manson, Inc. will complete the work by dredging the Jetty Channel near Station 63+35 starting on or about 10 January 2010.

GULF INTRACOASTAL WATERWAY, TEXAS, COLORADO RIVER TO UPPER MATAGORDA BAY, IN MATAGORDA COUNTY, TEXAS

The Cutterhead Dredge "John C. LaQuay" (T.W. LaQuay Dredging) will begin dredging the Gulf Intracoastal Waterway beginning December 2009 at approximate Mile Marker 513. Material will be placed in confined and open water placement areas.

CORPUS CHRISTI SHIP CHANNEL, TEXAS – Removal of Mooring Dolphins

Work continues on the demolition of the mooring structures adjacent to the CCSC in the Naval Station Ingleside area. The contractor's barges are outside of the federal channel while working the dolphins, but increased activity in this area should be expected due to this work.

**CORPUS CHRISTI SHIP CHANNEL, TEXAS – LAQUINTA CHANNEL AND JEWEL FULTON
CANAL IN NUECES COUNTY, TEXAS**

Dredge operations will not commence in the month of February.

**MATAGORDA SHIP CHANNEL, TEXAS – GALINIPPER POINT TO POINT COMFORT AND
NATURAL BAY BOTTOM**

Contract not awarded as of 29 Jan 10. This contract should be awarded and dredging started in the month of February. Mike Hooks' is the prime contractor and will be working on the MSC starting at Galinipper Point and working inbound. If the Natural Bay Bottom Route of the GIWW in Matagorda Bay shoals, the dredge will be directed to this area to accomplish this work.

**GULF INTRACOASTAL WATERWAY, TEXAS - MUD FLATS TO PORT ISABEL AND
CHANNEL TO PORT MANSFIELD IN KENEDY, WILLACY,
AND CAMERON COUNTIES, TEXAS**

The dredge "Everett Fisher" is currently dredging a five mile section of the GIWW approximately five miles north of Port Isabel. The dredge is using a floating pipeline section in the channel with a two mile submerged section to a pontoon section with underwater discharge in a deeper area known as "West of Spoils". Operations began on November 18th and are expected to continue through Christmas when it will move north to the channel to Port Mansfield.

The dredge "JN Fisher" is currently dredging the GIWW approximately 15 miles north of the channel to Port Mansfield. The JN will continue dredging in a southerly direction to a point just south of the channel to Port Mansfield, utilizing placement areas east of the GIWW.

- » *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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