

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 "Jason LaQuay" (T.W. LaQuay Dredging LLC) is dredging Houston Ship Channel in the Main Turning Basin, and will proceed down the channel to Sims Bayou over the next five months. All material is being placed at Housetract Placement Area. The small cutterhead dredge "White Rock" will be used to dredge the Light Draft Channel (navigable part of Buffalo Bayou).

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

Dredging operations complete.

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. Dredging operations in process.

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

The Hopper Dredge "Bayport" (Manson Construction). Dredging operations will commence in mid April.

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.

RECOVERY-GULF INTRACOASTAL WATERWAY, TEXAS, HIGH ISLAND TO ROLLOVER PASS, PLACEMENT AREA LEVEE REPAIRS AND IMPROVEMENTS, PLACEMENT AREA NO. 28, 33, 34, AND 35

Construction is being performed simultaneously on Placement Areas 28, 33, 34 and 35 in a contract with ECC along the Gulf Intracoastal Waterway between High Island Bridge and Rollover Bay and in a separate contract with Weston on Placement Areas 36, 37, 39, 40, 41, 42 and 43 along the GIWW from Rollover Bay to Port Bolivar. In some cases work will be conducted from the water side with work barges to install articulated concrete blocks along the levees fronting the GIWW. It is requested that barges be restricted from parking on the banks of these placement areas as work is being conducted. Work is anticipated to continue through the end of June. A slow bell is also requested through this reach because wakes will affect the contractors ability to work and place materials on the banks. Operations scheduled through end of June.

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

Dredge operations should commence in April.

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

The Dredge "Mike Hooks" will be commencing work on around 5 March. They will begin by dredging the Natural Bay Bottom Route of the GIWW at the intersection of the MSC. This work may take up to two weeks. They will then proceed to Galinipper Point and dredge the MSC in an inbound direction. This work will take up to 90 days.

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

Dredging operations complete.

- » *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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