

CESWG-OD-N

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Reference Notice
2010-13a**MEMORANDUM FOR NAVIGATION INTERESTS**SUBJECT: Forecast of Dredging and Marine Construction –*UPDATE*–**SNWW – LOWER AND MIDDLE NECHES RIVER, IN JEFFERSON AND ORANGE COUNTIES, TEXAS**

The Dredge “Marion” (Pine Bluff Dredging Co.) will begin dredging the Lower Neches River near Bean’s Fleet in June 2010. Material will be placed in confined Placement Area No. 12.

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 House Tract Placement Area. The small cutterhead dredge “Shamrock” will be used to dredge the Light Draft Channel (navigable part of Buffalo Bayou).

HOUSTON SHIP CHANNEL – MORGAN’S POINT TO EXXON AND BARBOUR’S CUT TERMINAL, IN HARRIS COUNTY, TEXAS

The Cutterhead Dredge “Leonard Fisher” (King Fisher Marine Service LP) will begin dredging operations in the Houston Ship Channel and Barbour’s Cut Terminal approximately the second week in June. Dredging operations will proceed until March 2011. All material will be placed in Spilmans Island and Alexander Island Placement Areas.

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 San Jacinto Placement Area. Dredging operations will begin the week of July 4, 2010.

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. Signs requesting a no wake zone are being put up by the Contractors in areas where workers are on the banks of the GIWW laying the geotextile or articulated concrete mats.

**COLORADO RIVER AND TRIBUTARIES, TEXAS, MOUTH OF COLORADO RIVER IN
MATAGORDA BAY, IN MATAGORDA COUNTY, TEXAS**

The construction barge MBI-01 (Javeler Construction Co. Inc. subcontractor to David Boland, Inc.) will begin dredging approximately 16 July for the New East Jetty construction with a 400 foot submerged pipeline crossing the Colorado River in about 6 to 8 feet of water to the west shoreline in the vicinity west of the Matagorda Beach parking lot. The submerged crossing will have a red buoy with quick flashing red light to mark the right side of the opening and a black buoy with a quick flashing green light to mark the left side of the opening. The pipeline will continue along the westerly shoreline to the beach placement area located to the west of the West Jetty. The dredging operations are expected to be relocated for dredging the Colorado River Channel the later part of July at which time the submerged crossing will be removed.

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

The Cutterhead Dredge "Shamrock" (Orion Dredging) is off site.

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

The Dredge "John C LaQuay" is dredging operations in the La Quinta Channel. The dredge is at the entrance to La Quinta Channel will continue dredging in this area till the end of June, 2010, then proceed to the Jewel Fulton Channel at mile marker 0.50 and work in a northerly direct towards the Basin. Material will be placed in up-land Placement Area Number 13.

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

The Dredge "Mike Hooks" has completed dredging in the Matagorda Ship Channel, and is preparing to move the dredge to the Channel Palacios. The dredge will start in the early part of June, 2010 at Beacon 30(Mile Marker 6.17) in the Palacios Channel and dredge in a northerly direction towards the City Basin. Placement of material will be placed in Open water placement areas along the channel.

**GULF INTRACOASTAL WATERWAY, TEXAS – MAIN CHANNEL ACROSS ARANSAS BAY
IN ARANSAS AND CALHOUN COUNTIES, TEXAS.**

The Dredge J.N. Fisher is dredging in Gulf Intracoastal Waterway, in the Aransas Bay at mile marker 522.80 and dredging in an easterly direction. Open water Placement areas on the west side of the Gulf Intracoastal Waterway (G.I.W.W) will be used.

**BRAZOS ISLAND HARBOR, TEXAS, BROWNVILLE SHIP CHANNEL, MAIN CHANNEL,
AND PORT ISABELL CHANNEL CAMERON COUNTY, 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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