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Reference: Houston Ship Channel (HSC)

Expansion Channel Improvement Project (ECIP)

Project 11: Redfish to Bayport

HSC Sta 78+844 to HSC Sta 16+000 & Bayport Ship Channel (Alternate B)

Subject: Notice to Mariners

Dear Sir or Madam:

Continuing until approximately 20 July 2023, Weeks "268 Booster" will be operating in conjunction with hydraulic dredge "C.R. McCaskill" near GPS positions: Lat 29°36'46.39"N, Long 94°59'14.56"W. Then the "268 Booster" will be moved near GPS positions: Lat 29°36'57.17"N, Long 94°59'28.17"W.

Weeks has reported a dredge subline leak located approximately 1,200-feet East of the Houston Ship Channel and approximately 50-feet North of 5-Mile Cut Channel near the following GPS positions: Lat 29°36'36.77"N, Long 94°56'52.20"W.

Approximately 290 cys of misplaced dredged material that built up to an elevation of 6-feet from natural bottom has reduced water depths in the area to approximately 4-feet. The artificial shoal has been marked with 4 danger buoys to alert the boaters. Small vessels traveling through 5-Mile Cut Channel are urged to take caution when transiting this area.

Weeks Marine is requesting a slow bell for all the vessels transiting the Houston Ship Channel (HSC) between Green Light "73" and Green Light "81". Mariners are urged to use extreme caution and transit this area at their slowest safe speed to create minimum wake after passing arrangements have been made.

Continuing until approximately 31 December 2023, Weeks Marine hydraulic dredge "C.R. McCaskill" and attendant plant will be operating in the HSC between station 16+000 (Lat 29°38'27.13"N, Long 94°57'56.81"W) and station 57+000 (Lat 29°32'35.11"N, Long 94°54'12.37"W) and in the BSC between station 42+08 (Lat 29°36'49.62"N, Long 95° 1'8.30"W) and station 239+22.31(Lat 29°36'57.31"N, Long 94°57'26.03"W).

Dredged material will be transported through a combination of floating and submerged pipeline to Three Bird Island Marsh (TBIM) placement site.



Work limits for placement site (TBIM) and PL corridor will be bound by the following approximate positions:

Lat 29°36'37.95"N, Long 94°56'52.29"W

Lat 29°35'1.38"N, Long 94°55'45.03"W

Lat 29°37'3.73"N, Long 94°52'4.92"W

Lat 29°38'22.76"N, Long 94°53'6.79"W

Work limits for the BSC/Bayport Flare, staging area(s) for pipeline and equipment will be bound by the following approximate positions:

Lat 29°36'55.32"N, Long 95° 1'17.04"W

Lat 29°36'41.49"N, Long 95° 1'16.47"W

Lat 29°36'21.86"N, Long 94°57'11.06"W

Lat 29°37'14.98"N, Long 94°57'30.53"W

Work limits for the HSC, equipment staging area(s) and subline crossing will be bound by the following approximate positions:

Lat 29°38'24.44"N, Long 94°58'52.78"W

Lat 29°38'44.69"N, Long 94°57'37.17"W

Lat 29°36'46.01"N, Long 94°56'45.45"W

Lat 29°32'35.38"N, Long 94°53'48.26"W

Lat 29°32'7.22"N, Long 94°54'31.74"W

Lat 29°35'29.92"N, Long 94°58'52.09"W

Dredging operations will continue on a twenty-four (24) hours per day, seven days per week basis. Dredge, pipeline(s) and equipment will have all required Coast Guard lighting for night operations. Dredge, tugs and boats will monitor marine VHF channels 13 and 16. Mariners are urged to use extreme caution and transit the area at their slowest safe speed to create minimum wake after passing arrangements have been made.

Your office will be notified immediately if there are any changes to our schedule. If you have any questions or require additional information, please don't hesitate to contact me at (985) 875-2564, <a href="macruz@weeksmarine.com">macruz@weeksmarine.com</a> or please call project manager(s) on site:

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