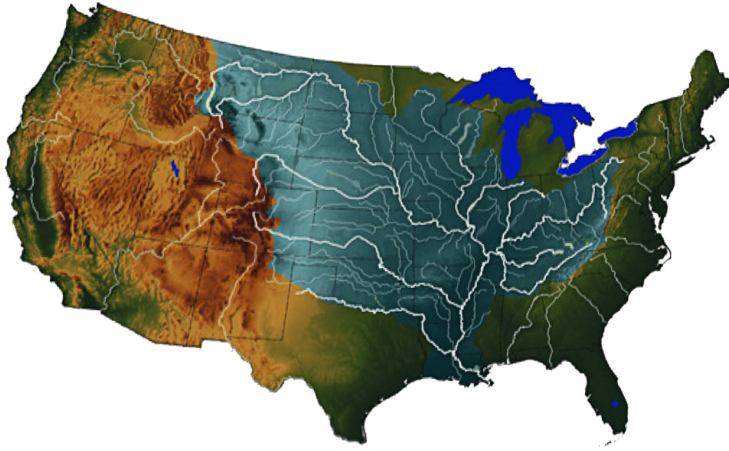


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## Lower Mississippi River (LMR) Dredging Update 71717

Members,

The Corps of Engineers Mississippi Valley New Orleans (MVN) continues working to restore the deficient channel in Southwest Pass with the three industry hopper dredges (NEWPORT, BAYPORT and GLENN EDWARDS) and the industry cutterhead dredge CAPTAIN FRANK. The MVN is now dredging the Crossings with all three dustpan dredges (WALLACE McGEORGE, HURLEY and JADWIN) and at the New Orleans Harbor with the cutterhead dredge MIKE HOOKS.

### **UPDATED: NAVIGATION RESTRICTIONS IN SOUTHWEST PASS:**

**The Associated Branch Pilots of the Port of New Orleans (Bar Pilots) maximum draft recommendation remains at 46 feet (freshwater) for all vessels transiting Southwest Pass. This revised recommendation was implemented at 1030 hours on Tuesday, July 11, 2017.**

**The official notice from the Bar Pilots is attached.**

### **HOPPER DREDGE(S) IN SOUTHWEST PASS (SWP):**

**BAYPORT:** The industry hopper dredge (Manson Construction) is dredging but will soon be moving to Mile 0.5 Below Head of Passes (BHP) to Mile 1 Below Head of Passes (BHP). The BAYPORT will be moving to this assignment at the Head of Passes to replace the NEWPORT. **The NEWPORT will soon be departing to undergo repairs.** The hopper dredge began dredging on Thursday, May 25, 2017, under Hopper Dredge Rental Contract #2-2017. The Corps is working to extend the contractual option hours and expects to keep the hopper working until at least mid-August.

**NEWPORT:** The industry hopper dredge NEWPORT (Manson Construction) is dredging at the Head of Passes under Southwest Pass Hopper Rental Contract #3-2017. The NEWPORT is expected to depart this assignment to undergo repairs, the hopper dredge is expected to return to SWP on Friday, July 21, 2017. The hopper dredge began dredging on May 16, 2017. The Corps is working to extend the contractual option hours and expects to keep the hopper dredge working until at least mid-August.

**GLENN EDWARDS:** The GLENN EDWARDS continues dredging from Mile 18 BHP to Mile 20 BHP. The industry hopper dredge (Manson Construction) started working under Hopper Dredge Contract #1-2017 (taken over for the NEWPORT) on Saturday, June 3, 2017. The MVN has extended the GLENN EDWARDS' contract to keep the hopper dredge working until approximately August 15, 2017.

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## **CUTTERHEAD DREDGE(S) IN SOUTHWEST PASS (SWP):**

**CAPTAIN FRANK:** The industry cutterhead dredge CAPTAIN FRANK (Weeks Marine) is presently dredging on assignment from Mile 12.5 BHP to Mile 16 BHP on the western channel toe (Presently at Mile 13.10 BHP). The cutterhead's contract has been extended until August 12, 2017. Upon completion of this contract the CAPTAIN FRANK is expected to move upriver to resume the work on the Hopper Dredge Disposal Area (Head of Passes). All material removed under this contract will be beneficially used.

## **DUSTPAN DREDGE(S) ON THE CROSSINGS:**

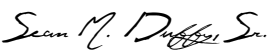
**WALLACE McGEORGE:** The industry dustpan dredge WALLACE McGEORGE continues dredging the central 250 feet at Red Eye Crossing (Mile 224 AHP). The WALLACE McGEORGE began dredging on the Crossings at Belmont Crossing on June 19, 2017.

**HURLEY:** The government dustpan dredge is dredging the central 250 feet at Sardine Point (MILE 219.3 AHP). The dustpan began dredging on the Crossings (Sardine Point) on Wednesday, July 12, 2017.

**JADWIN:** The government dustpan dredge JADWIN began dredging Bayou Goula (Mile 198) on Saturday, July 15, 2017. **The JADWIN completed the assignment at Alhambra Crossing on July 15, 2017 and the White Castle Anchorage (Mile 191.1 AHP to Mile 190.4 AHP) was also reopened for normal vessel usage that day.** The dustpan JADWIN began dredging on the Crossings at Alhambra Crossing on June 17, 2017.

## **CUTTERHEAD DREDGE(S) AT THE NEW ORLEANS HARBOR:**

**MIKE HOOKS:** The cutterhead dredge MIKE HOOKS began dredging at the Port of New Orleans on July 10, 2017 under Harbor Cutterhead Dredge Rental # 1-2017.

Sincerely,  
  
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