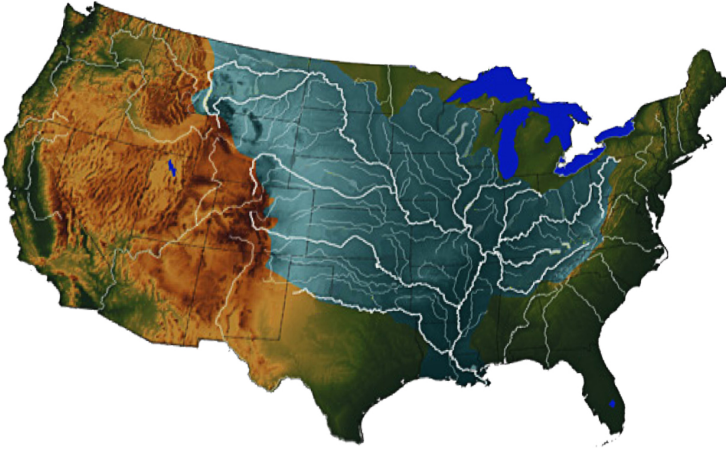


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Lower Mississippi River (LMR) Dredging Update 122818

Members,

The Corps of Engineers Mississippi Valley New Orleans (MVN) is responding to shoaling in Southwest Pass (SWP) created by the elevated river stages. There are two industry hopper dredges and one industry cutterhead dredge now working to restore and maintain the Ship Channel in SWP.

TRANSIT RESTRICTIONS SOUTHWEST PASS (SWP):

The Bar Pilots continue to utilize the flocculation based transit restriction for all inbound vessels arriving Southwest Pass with a freshwater draft of 38-feet or greater. **Inbound vessels with a draft of 38-feet or greater are only allowed to enter SWP “between 3 hours after low tide, to 3 hours after high tide at SWP.”** The restriction became effective at 1000 hours on, Monday, November 26, 2018. The official notice as released by the Bar Pilots is attached, please refer to it for complete details.

The Federal Pilots implemented a similar flocculation based restriction for inbound vessels with a draft of 38-feet or greater on November 27, 2018. The official notice is also attached.

INDUSTRY HOPPER DREDGE(S) IN SOUTHWEST PASS (SWP):

NEWPORT: The hopper dredge NEWPORT (Manson Construction) is dredging at the Venice Jump (Mile 10.5 Above Head of Passes [AHP] to Mile 10 AHP) on the western channel edge. The NEWPORT began dredging under Southwest Pass Hopper Dredge Rental Contract #6-2018 in SWP on November 28, 2018.

GLENN EDWARDS: The hopper dredge GLENN EDWARDS (Manson Construction) is dredging from Mile 12.2 Below Head of Passes (BHP) to Mile 12.5 BHP on the western channel edge. The GLENN EDWARDS commenced dredging under Southwest Pass Hopper Dredge Rental Contract #1-2019 on December 18, 2018.

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

R.S. WEEKS: The industry cutterhead dredge R.S. WEEKS (Weeks Marine) is presently dredging at approximately Mile 11.45 BHP on the eastern channel edge. The cutterhead began dredging on assignment from Mile 10.5 BHP to 14 BHP on December 15, 2018. The R.S. WEEKS removed 2 million cubic yards (mcy) of material from the Hopper Dredge Disposal Area (HDDA) before being released from that contract (remove a total of 12 mcy from the HDDA) to respond to Southwest Pass Cutterhead Rental Contract #1-2019.

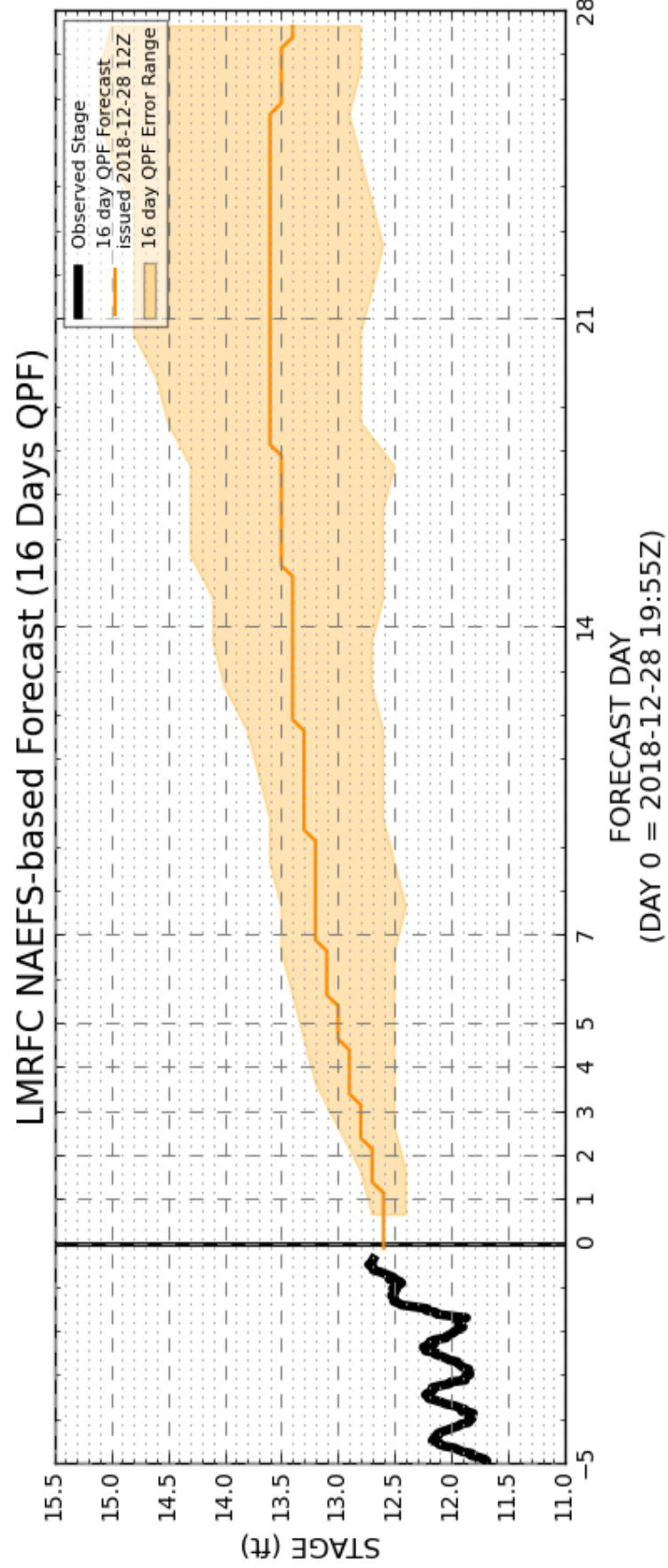
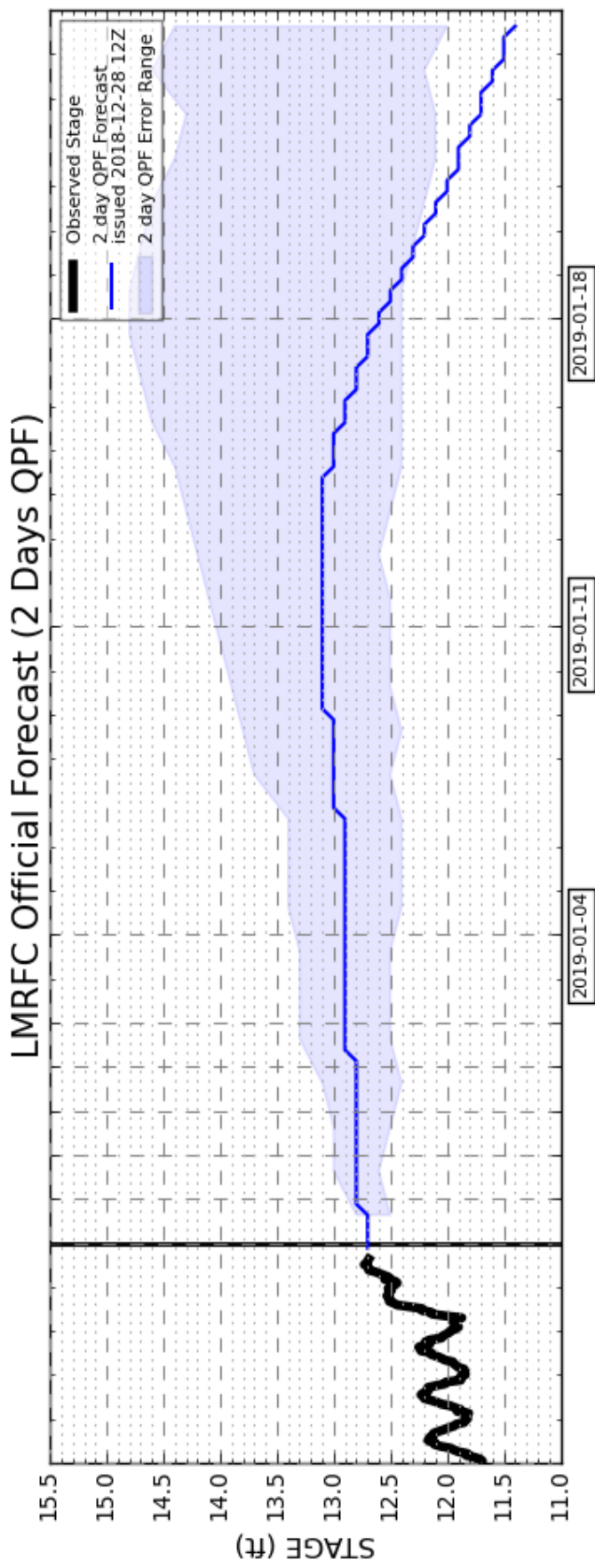
The R.S. WEEKS is expected to return to the HDDA contract in February 2019 when it is relieved by the cutterhead dredge CAPTAIN FRANK.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in blue ink that reads "Sean M. Duffy, Sr." in a cursive style.

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NORL1 Forecast and Experimental Uncertainty



The shaded areas show probable future river stage based on the present forecast and past forecast skill. The shaded areas capture 2/3 of past forecast errors, centered on the median error.

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To Whom It May Concern:

Due to the presence of flocculation; effective immediately, The Federal Pilots of Louisiana recommend that any inbound vessels with a fresh water draft of 38' or greater shall enter SWP 3 hours after low tide to 3 hours after high tide.

Respectfully,

Gregory Bush

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TO WHOM IT MAY CONCERN:

RE: SOUTHWEST PASS, TRANSIT RESTRICTION DUE TO FLOCCULATION

The Bar Pilots for the Port of New Orleans restrict inbound vessels with a deep fresh water draft of Thirty-Eight feet (38') or greater to transit Southwest Pass from the Sea Buoy (Entrance Lighted Whistle Buoy "SW") to mile 1.5 above Head of Passes "between 3 hours after low tide, to 3 hours after high tide at SWP".

The restriction becomes effective at **1000 hours on November 26, 2018.**

Nothing in the recommendations should be construed as limiting a pilot in the exercise of their judgment.

ASSOCIATED BRANCH PILOTS

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