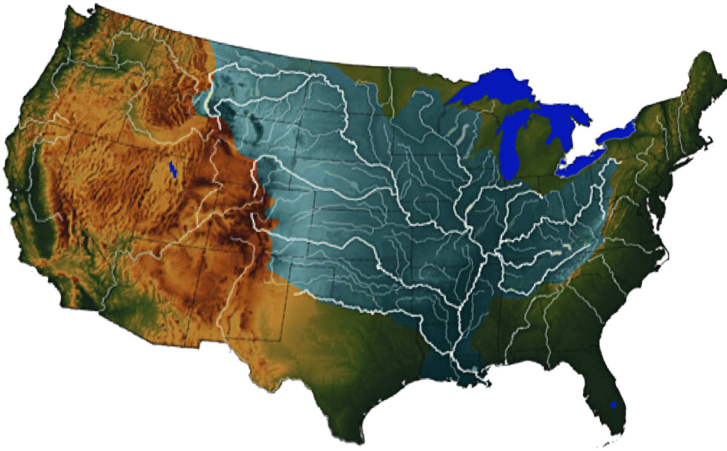


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Lower Mississippi River (LMR) Dredging Update 41719

Members,

The Corps of Engineers Mississippi Valley New Orleans (MVN) continues responding to active shoaling in Southwest Pass (SWP) deposited by high river stages (flood event). There are four industry hopper dredges, two industry cutterhead dredges and one government hopper dredge working in SWP.

UPDATED: TRANSIT RESTRICTIONS AT SOUTHWEST PASS (SWP):

The Bar Pilots maximum draft recommendation was increased to 44 feet (freshwater) at 1000 hours today, Wednesday, April 17, 2019. The official notice from the Bar Pilots is attached.

The Crescent River Port Pilots' have also increased their maximum draft to 44 feet (freshwater) today.

The Federal Pilots increased their maximum draft recommendation to 43 feet (freshwater) as a result of improving conditions in Southwest Pass.

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

NEWPORT: The hopper dredge NEWPORT (Manson Construction) is presently dredging from Mile 2.3 Above Head of Passes (AHP) to Mile 1.4 AHP. The NEWPORT is working under Southwest Pass Hopper Dredge Rental Contract #1-2019. The NEWPORT began dredging in SWP on November 28, 2018. The MVN intends to exercise the options on the NEWPORT's contract to keep the hopper dredge working in SWP until June 4, 2019.

GLENN EDWARDS: The industry hopper dredge is dredging on assignment at the Head of Passes (approximately Mile 0.8 AHP to Mile 0.5 Below Head of Passes [BHP]). The GLENN EDWARDS resumed dredging in SWP on Sunday, March 31, 2019 under Southwest Pass Hopper Dredge Rental Contract #7-2019. The contract should be completed around May 29, 2019.

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

BAYPORT: The industry hopper dredge is dredging from Mile 3.0 BHP to Mile 3.5 BHP. The hopper began working under Southwest Pass Hopper Dredge Rental Contract #6-2018 on Sunday, March 31, 2019 (Manson Construction has utilized three dredges: NEWPORT to GLENN EDWARDS now to the BAYPORT to complete this contract). The BAYPORT is now expected to complete this contract on April 29, 2019.

STUYVESANT: The industry hopper dredge STUYVESANT (Dutra Group) is dredging on the jetty end of SWP (Mile 17.8 BHP to Mile 19.6 BHP). The STUYVESANT began dredging in SWP on Thursday, March 7, 2019 under Southwest Pass Hopper Dredge Rental Contract #6-2019. This contract should keep the STUYVESANT in SWP until June 9, 2019 (approximately)

GOVERNMENT HOPPER DREDGE(S) IN SOUTHWEST PASS (SWP): RED FLAG EMERGENCY CALL OUTS:

WHEELER: MVN's hopper dredge WHEELER is presently dredging in the area of the area of Cubits Gap (Mile 3.5 AHP to Mile 3.0 AHP). The WHEELER began working under Red Flag Emergency Call Out #4-2019 (30-days) on April 10, 2019.

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 1.28 BHP. The cutterhead is working on assignment from Mile 1.5 AHP to Mile 2.0 BHP on the western side of the channel. The cutterhead started dredging in SWP on December 15, 2018.

CAPTAIN FRANK: The industry cutterhead dredge CAPTAIN FRANK is presently dredging at Mile 9.98 BHP on the western channel edge. The cutterhead is working on a new assignment from Mile 9.75 BHP to Mile 10.2 BHP. The CAPTAIN FRANK is expected to complete this assignment late next week and then move to the next assignment from Mile 4.9 BHP to Mile 6.1 BHP on the western side of the channel. The cutterhead started dredging in SWP on February 23, 2109.

Sincerely,



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TO WHOM IT MAY CONCERN:

RE: SOUTHWEST PASS, RECOMMENDED TRANSIT DRAFT

The Bar Pilots for the Port of New Orleans recommend that vessels transiting Southwest Pass from the Sea Buoy (Entrance Lighted Whistle Buoy "SW") to Mile 1.5 above Head of Passes should not have a deep draft in fresh water greater than **Forty-Four feet (44 feet)**.

This draft recommendation, which may be increased or decreased at any time as conditions warrant, becomes effective at **1000 hours CST on April 17, 2019**.

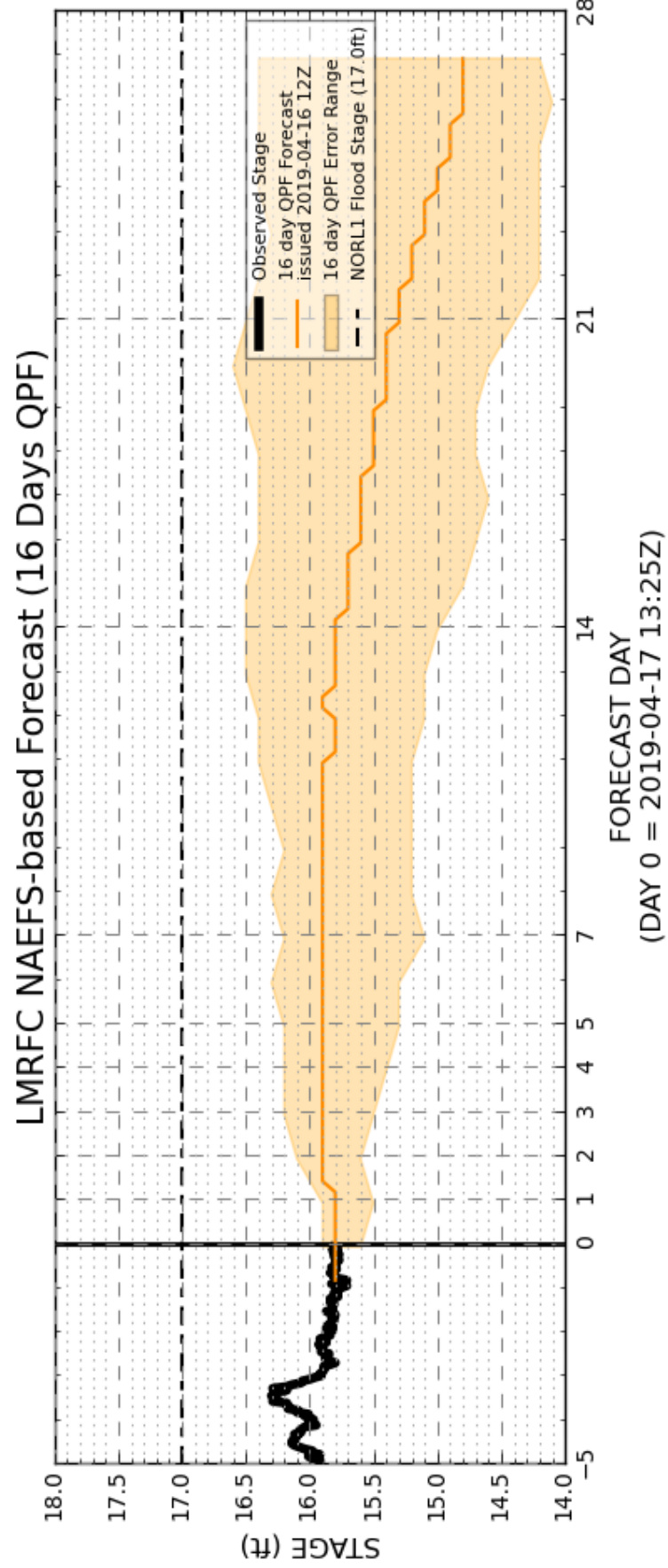
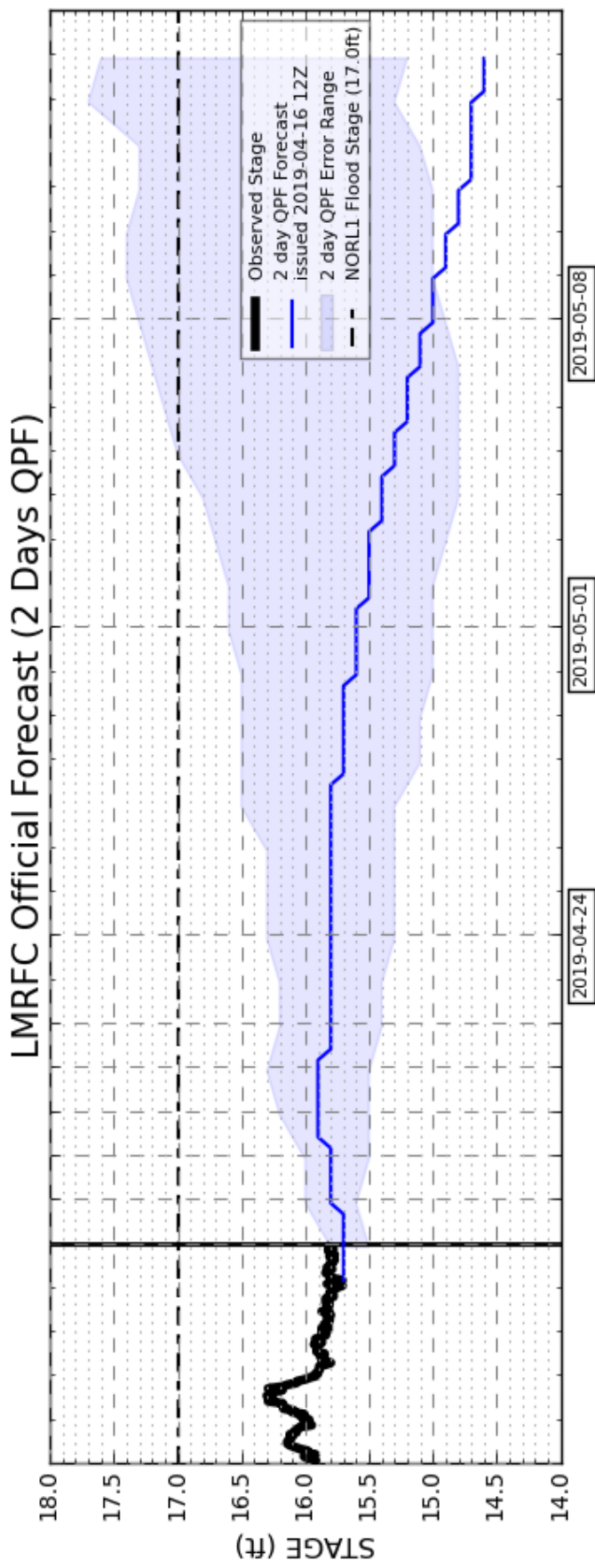
Nothing in the recommendations should be construed as limiting a pilot in the exercise of their judgment.

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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.