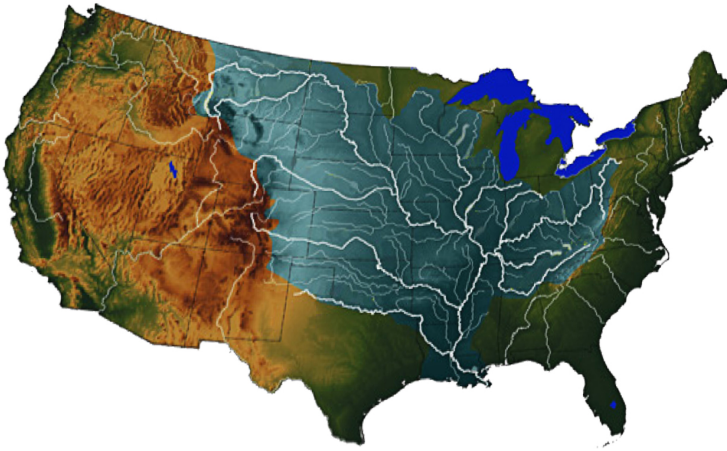


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Lower Mississippi River (LMR) Dredging Update 71319

Members,

The Corps of Engineers Mississippi Valley New Orleans (MVN) has confirmed that all dredges remain idle and are riding out the impact of now Hurricane Barry. The MVN awarded Southwest Pass Cutterhead Dredge Rental Contract #2-2019 to Weeks Marine. **The MVN has confirmed that the storm surge and precipitation driven spike at New Orleans, originally predicted to reach 20 feet and reduced to 19 feet, has now been reduced to 17.1 feet. The stage at the Carrollton Gauge (New Orleans) was 16.68 feet at 0800 hours this morning with a 24-hour change of +0.06 feet.**

TRANSIT RESTRICTIONS AT SOUTHWEST PASS (SWP):

Channel conditions and surveys will be reviewed after the impacts of Hurricane Barry have cleared our area. The Mississippi River Ship Channel remains shutdown to vessel traffic and under Port Condition Zulu as implemented at 1700 hours on Friday, July 12, 2019 (MSIB Attached)

- 1) The Bar Pilots maximum draft recommendation was reduced an additional two feet to 42 feet (freshwater) at 1000 hours on Wednesday, June 26, 2019.**
- 2) The Crescent River Port Pilots maximum draft recommendation of 44 feet (freshwater) remains as established on Wednesday, April 17, 2019.**
- 3) The Federal Pilots reduced their maximum draft recommendation to 42 feet (freshwater) on Wednesday, June 26, 2019.**

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

STUYVESANT: The industry hopper dredge STUYVESANT (Dutra Group) remains anchored in the Pilottown Anchorage. The STUYVESANT began dredging under Southwest Pass Hopper Dredge Rental Contract #10-2019 on June 14, 2019.

NEWPORT: The hopper dredge NEWPORT (Manson Construction) remains anchored in the Pilottown Anchorage. The NEWPORT is now dredging under Southwest Pass Hopper Dredge Rental Contract #8-2019. The NEWPORT began dredging in SWP on November 28, 2018.

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

WHEELER: MVN's hopper dredge WHEELER is at the dock in New Orleans and will resume dredging under Red Flag Emergency Callout #5-2019 once the conditions allow. The Red Flag was originally approved for 45-days with emergency dredging operations commencing on June 3, 2019. The Red Flag was then extended on June 28, 2019 until August 31, 2019 after not being able to award the one bid received to Southwest Pass Hopper Dredge Rental Contract #11-2019.

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

C.R. McCASKILL: Weeks Marine's cutterhead dredge C.R. McCASKILL is scheduled to start dredging at Mile 1.0 AHP on the western channel toe on July 16, 2019 under Southwest Pass Cutterhead Dredge Rental Contract #2-2019. **However, the impacts Hurricane Barry may alter this advertised start date.**

CAPTAIN FRANK: Weeks Marine's cutterhead dredge CAPTAIN FRANK is expected to start dredging at Mile 5.0 BHP on the western channel toe by July 20, 2019 under Southwest Pass Cutterhead Dredge Rental Contract #2-2019. **However, the impacts of Hurricane Barry may alter this advertised start date.**

CUTTERHEAD DREDGE(S) IN THE HOPPER DREDGE DISPOSAL AREA (HDDA):

R.S. WEEKS: The industry cutterhead dredge R.S. WEEKS (Weeks Marine) has spudded down in place in the HDDA and will resume dredging operations when weather conditions allow.

DUSTPAN DREDGE(S) ON THE CROSSINGS ABOVE NEW ORLEANS:

WALLCE McGEORGE: The industry dustpan dredge WALLCE McGEORGE is riding out the storm at Devils Swamp in the Baton Rouge Harbor (Mile 235 AHP). The industry dustpan dredge commenced dredging on the Crossings on May 9, 2019.

HURLEY: The Corps dustpan dredge HURLEY is riding out the storm at Red Eye Crossing on the left descending bank (Mile 223.5 AHP). The government dustpan dredge commenced dredging on the Crossings on May 4, 2019

JADWIN: The Corps dustpan dredge JADWIN is riding out the storm at Belmont Crossing (Mile 154 AHP) on the right descending bank. The government dustpan dredge commenced dredging on the Crossings on June 27, 2019.

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