

Full Committee Meeting 23 October 2025



Captain of the Port Remarks

AIR GAP AND
VISIBILITY
SENSOR STATUS
REPORT



FUNDING BY SNND

The SNND Board of Commissioners approved a "not to exceed" budget of \$613,375 to fund the initial installation of these improvements at their board meeting on August 8, 2025. This amount does not include the cost of maintaining these improvements

TENTATIVE TIMELINE FOR INSTALLATIONS

November 2025:

- Execution of project contract with SNND
- Engage an Engineer on the air gap system design for TXDOT review and approval
- Engage with any contractors needed for visibility installations (i.e. concrete slab)

December – February 2026:

- Submit report to TXDOT for air gap approvals
- Procurement of system components
- Fabrication of mounts, brackets, etc..
- Receive system components
- Provide NOAA PORTS with preliminary information on each system
- Set up and testing of system components

March-April 2026: Begin installations

AIR GAP - MLK GULFGATE

Reconnaissance Date: June 2025

Personnel: CBI, TXDOT, and NOAA personnel were present

Findings:

• Dual Air Gap to be installed on the westbound side of the bridge.

- Combination solar and AC power
- TxDOT exploring adding a breaker for the system
- The mount will be designed to avoid intrusion to the bridge structure. The plan is to install each air gap sensor within one of the large holes in the steel bridge deck (Figure 1 and 2). All components—including the data collection platform (DCP), enclosure, solar panel, battery, and regulator—will be mounted together. The mount will span multiple holes and be secured using long threaded rods with stainless steel C-channel (or similar material) on both the top and bottom surfaces, forming a compression clamp (Figure 3). A support arm may also be added, extending toward the concrete side and resting over it like a saddle to enhance horizontal stability.

- Determine AC power with TXDOT
- Prepare drawings for engineer
- Once contract is executed:
 - Execute a vendor contract with a Professional Engineer (P.E.) to sign off on design
 - Provide TXDOT with documentation for approval
 - Engage with an electrician to provide a breaker for AC power

OLD PILOT STATION - TEXAS JETTIES

Reconnaissance Date: September 10, 2025 – 11:00 AM

Location: 8010 S. 1st Ave, Sabine Pass, TX

Contact: Lance Dejohn (lanced@portcity-sabine.com)

Summary of Findings:

- Equipment can be mounted to existing handrail
- Site determined to be an excellent for installation

- Power has been confirmed at the location. We are in discussion with Entergy and Lance DeJohn on power options.
- Two (2) options:
 - 1. Utilize existing power at the facility via the account holder who will absorb the cost (standard procedure)
 - 2. Setup a separate account with the power company to provide power to the system. Account owner to be determined.
- Proceed with installation of system

ENERGY TRANSFER NEDERLAND

Reconnaissance Date: September 9, 2025 – 10:00 AM

Location: 2300 N. Twin City Hwy., Nederland, TX

Personnel: Christopher Deslatte (christopher.deslatte@energytransfer.com)

Summary of Findings:

- Area with existing power identified; step-down transformer will be required
- Requires a concrete slab/foundation for the visibility system (cost included in the project budget).
- System will be installed on a Rohn tower as seen in Figure 6

- Identify preferred contractor for the concrete and electrical work
- Electrician to provide power for the system
- Contractor to pour concrete pad
- Proceed with installation of system



Example Station

PORT OF BEAUMONT

Reconnaissance Date: September 10, 2025 – 9:00 AM

Location: 1225 Main Street, Beaumont, TX

Contacts:

- Randal Ogrydziak (rso@pobtx.com)
- Chris Fischer (dcf@pobtx.com)
- Sade Chick (sc@pobtx.com)
- Brandon Bergeron bmb@pobtx.com

Summary of Findings:

- A light pole was identified to be available for the installation of the equipment and sensors
- POB confirmed there is 120v available and there is room in the breaker box to add an additional breaker

- Install an additional breaker for power
- Proceed with installation of system



Light Pole Identified for the Installation

TEXACO ISLAND / VALERO PLEASURE ISLAND TERMINAL

Reconnaissance Date: September 10, 2025 – 1:00 PM

Location: 2500 Martin Luther King Dr., Port Arthur, TX

Contacts:

- Josh Ford (joshua.ford@valero.com, 409-313-3790)
- Sean Merchant (sean.marchant@valero.com)
- Jody Lambright (jody.lambright@valero.com)

Summary of Findings:

- Existing concrete slab suitable for installation identified.
- AC power available.
- Class 1, Div 2 enclosure may be necessary.
- May require a formal agreement authorizing TAMUCC to perform on-site work.
- System will be installed on a Rohn tower as seen in Figure 6

- Determine if a formal agreement will be required between TAMUCC and Valero
- Electrician to connect power to the station
- Install system

NECHES RIVER INTERSECTION

Reconnaissance Date: September 9, 2025 – 4:00 PM

Location: 9000 Yacht Club Rd., Port Arthur, TX

Contact: Chris Bean (clb@beantexas.com)

Summary of Findings:

- Discussion centered on potential site lease agreement.
- Moran Shipping identified as preferred location; Turn Services and Total (near Rainbow Bridge) as alternatives.
- AC power is preferred.
- Follow-up email sent, awaiting response.

Next steps:

• Determine location

THANK YOU TO ALL TERMINAL REPRESENTATIVES WHO ASSISTED WITH THE RECONNAISSANCE AT EACH LOCATION



Tug Utilization Sub-Committee Report (Ad Hoc)





Education, Research and Workforce Development Subcommittee Report

Port Welfare Committee Report

Southeast Texas Waterway Advisory Committee

October 23, 2025

Port Arthur International Seafarers' Center



IMO World Maritime Day

September 25, 2025

Theme: Our Ocean, Our Obligation, Our Opportunity

Message from IMO Secretary-General
Arsenio Dominguez:
www.imo.org/en/about/events/pages/worl
d-maritime-theme-2025.aspx

World Maritime Day Home Page: www.imo.org/en/about/events/pages/worl d-maritime-theme-2025.aspx



Death of GUDE on Seakay Sky

Died at sea on Thursday, September 25, 2025

Ship docked at Port of Port Arthur

Visited ship on Monday September 29, 2025

Did Prayers for the Dead & Blessed Vessel

Body was lifted off ship & taken for autopsy

Cause of death not known at this time



DSV Vinnice

Contacted on August 21st:

At Port of Port Arthur
Crew had not been paid since June
Shortage of vitals onboard
Crewmembers working with expired
contracts
USCG hold on the vessel

Presently having main engine replaced at Gulf Copper.

The Port Arthur Seafarers' Center & Stella Maris have:

Worked with USCG, CBP, & ITF
Celebrated Mass for the Crew
Have made numerous visits to vessel
Assisted with prescriptions for one
crewmember
Working on repatriating the
crewmembers
Thanks to Hydra Offshore who
provided a Pizza Party for Crew
on Monday October 20th.





Christmas at Sea for Seafarers: Christmas Bag Delivery Beginning After Thanksgiving

Suggested		11.	Knit Hats		etc.)	
Items: (Prefer		12.	Manicure Kits			
travel size)		13.	Shaving Cream 22. Small packs of Kleenex		Puzzle Books	
		14.			(Word Search, Crossword, Sudoku, Yahtzee,	
1.	Baseball Caps	15.	Small Sewing Kits	S	Small Travel Games, etc.)	
2.	Bath Soap	16.	Toothbrush			
3.	Brush	17.	Toothpaste	23.	Candy (Peppermints,	
4.	Comb	18.	Mouthwash		Butterscotch,	
5.	Shampoo	19.	Socks (White or		M&M, & Skittles) [Nothing that can	
6.	Conditioner		Black)		melt]	
7.	Deck of Cards	20.	Texas Souvenirs			
8.	Deodorant		(any type)			
9.	Disposable Razors	21.	Card Games (UNO, Phase 10, Skip-Bo, LCR			
10.	Hand Lotion		Game, Blink,			

If you have any questions, please contact Dr. Keith Jones Or Louvenia Harding @ 409-982-4504 Off site Contact Tammy Domingue @ 409-988-6269





COMMERCIAL FISHERIES – COMMERCIAL FISHING VESSEL EXAMINER

Southeast Texas Waterway Advisory Committee

Nikki Fitzgerald

Fisheries Update



February 12th – Next Port Arthur Shrimper's Association Meeting



Attended the Gulf Coast Fisheries Summit in September



CPR & First Aid November 7th

RSVP: 408-835-8461

Essential First Aid Training



CPR | FIRST AID

TRAINING

TWO SESSIONS AVAILABLE



TRAINING INCLUDES:

- CPR (Cardiopulmonary Resuscitation)
- Wound Care
- Choking Relief
- Burn Treatment

COST \$50

NOVEMBER 7TH

SESSION 1: 8:30 - 12:30 PM

SESSION 2: 1:30 - 5:30 PM

PORT ARTHUR SEAFARER CENTER

401 HOUSTON AVE, PORT ARTHUR TX



Big Thicket Association Neches River Adventures

Hiring Part-time River Boat Captains & Deckhands



Requirements:

<u>Captains</u> are required to hold a current USCG Mariner Credential, TWIC Card, 1st Aid CPR/AED Certification, *Maritime Consortium Membership, and attend training aboard the Ivory Bill. Captains can be volunteers or paid contractors. Contractors are paid \$35 hourly.



<u>Deckhands</u> are required to hold a current 1st Aid CPR/AED Certification, *Maritime Consortium Membership, and attend training aboard the Ivory Bill. Deckhands can be volunteers or paid contractors. Contractors are paid \$20 hourly.

Contact: Diane Thompson, Executive Director
Director@BigThicket.org

The Maritime Consortium is a random drug testing program.
 Enrollment is paid by the Big Thicket Association.









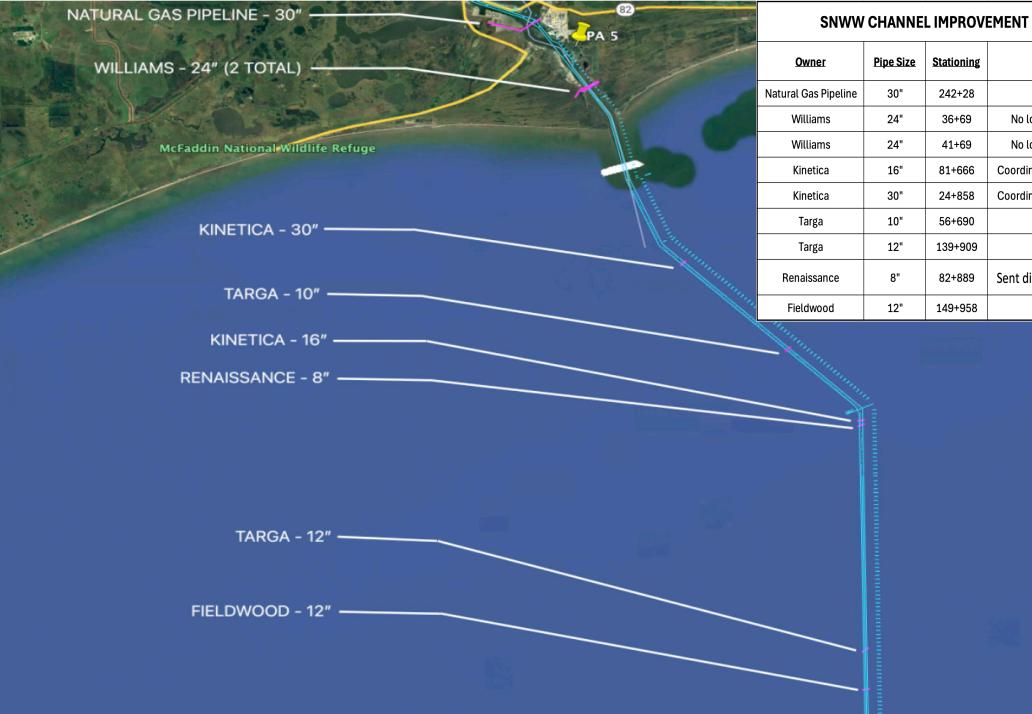






Waterway Maintenance and Improvement Subcommittee Report Kyle Reed, Sabine-Neches Navigation District

Rose City Beaumont AB 8	Contract Number	<u>Contract Name</u>	Color	Award Year	Owner of Contract
AB 4 Bridge City AB 1	1	DREDGE ANCHORAGE BASIN #1	-	Completed	USACE
Nederland Viterbo Groves	2A	DREDGE OFFSHORE CHANNEL TO SABINE BANK CHANNEL	Red	Completed	USACE
La Belle Port Arth r ige at the land of th	2B	DREDGE SABINE BANK CHANNEL TO SABINE PASS CHANNEL	Red	Completed	SNND
chit.	3	DREDGE SABINE PASS CHANNEL TO PORT ARTHUR CANAL & TAYLOR BAYOU	Yellow	FY 24	SNND
	4 & 5	DREDGE LOWER SABINE NECHES CANAL TO UPPER NECHES RIVER CHANNEL	Orange and Blue	FY 25	SNND
	6	DREDGE OFFSHORE CHANNEL TO SABINE PASS CHANNEL	Red	FY 24	USACE
	7	DREDGE SABINE PASS CHANNEL TO PORT ARTHUR CANAL & TAYLOR BAYOU	Yellow	FY 27	SNND
And the state of t	8	DREDGE LOWER SABINE NECHES CANAL TO LOWER NECHES RIVER CHANNEL	Orange	FY 29	SNND
	9	DREDGE MID NECHES RIVER CHANNEL TO UPPER NECHES RIVER CHANNEL	Blue	FY 31	SNND
To the state of th	10	MITIGATION WEST BLACK BAYOU, LA	-	TBD	USACE
	11	MITIGATION EAST BLACK BAYOU, LA	-	TBD	USACE
	12	MITIGATION WILLOW BAYOU, LA	-	TBD	USACE
	13	DREDGE ANCHORAGE BASIN #8	-	FY 25	SNND
21.7 mi	14	DREDGE ANCHORAGE BASIN #4	-	FY 26	SNND



SNWW CHANNEL IMPROVEMENT PROJECT - - PIPELINE STATUS

	Owner	Pipe Size	Stationing	Status	Anticipated Removal Date
	Natural Gas Pipeline	30"	242+28	Removed	-
Ħ	Williams	24"	36+69	No longer needing to be removed	-
	Williams	24"	41+69	No longer needing to be removed	-
	Kinetica	16"	81+666	Coordinating with BSEE before removal	4 th Quarter 2025
	Kinetica	30"	24+858	Coordinating with BSEE before removal	4 th Quarter 2025
	Targa	10"	56+690		4 th Quarter 2025
Mar.	Targa	12"	139+909		4 th Quarter 2025
	Renaissance	8"	82+889	Sent diver results to Renaissance	-
	Fieldwood	12"	149+958	Removed	-

U.S. ARMY CORPS OF ENGINEERS GALVESTON DISTRICT

SABINE-NECHES WATERWAY OPERATIONS & MAINTENANCE UPDATES

SOUTHEAST TEXAS WATERWAY ADVISORY COUNCIL (SETWAC)

October 23rd, 2025

Ancelmo Galindo

USACE – Galveston District Operations Manager Sabine-Neches Waterway (Acting)











GALVESTON DISTRICT - ONGOING O&M CONTRACTS

FY24: Sabine-Neches Waterway – Projects Overview



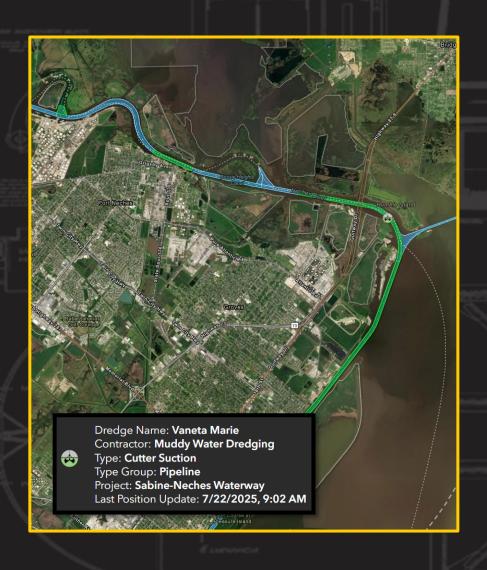
Ongoing & Upcoming Waterway Dredging Activities

- FY24 Maintenance Dredging
- FY25 Maintenance Dredging
- FY26 Maintenance Dredging
- FY26 New Work Dredging



GALVESTON DISTRICT - ONGOING O&M CONTRACTS

FY24: Sabine-Neches Waterway - SNWW Maintenance Dredging



Contract Overview

Status: Construction Complete

Contract Type: Maintenance Dredging

Contractor: Muddy Water

Contract Quantity: 2,684,100 cy

Dredge Name: Vaneta Marie

Dredge Type: Pipeline

Contract Req Depth: 42-ft + 1-ft

Contract Award: Sept 2024

Contract Completion: September 2025

90 Day Look Ahead: Contract fiscal closeout



GALVESTON DISTRICT — UPCOMING O&M CONTRACTS

FY25: Sabine-Neches Waterway - SNWW USCG Maint Dredging



Contract Overview

Status: Pre-Construction

Contract Type: Maintenance Dredging

Contractor: Next Generation Logistics

Contract Quantity: 35,000 cy
Dredge Type: Pipeline

Contract Req Depth: 8-15ft

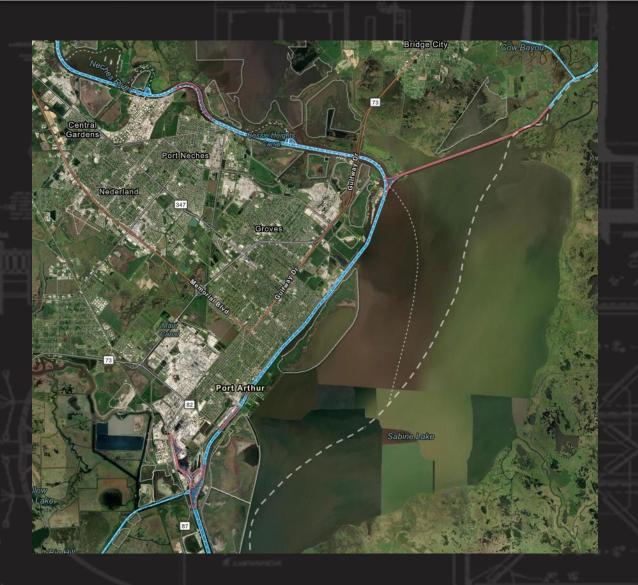
Contract Award: Sep 2025
Contract Completion: Dec 2025

90 Day Look Ahead: Construction start before end of Oct with completion in December down in South Padre Island



GALVESTON DISTRICT - UPCOMING O&M CONTRACTS

FY26: Sabine-Neches Waterway - SNWW Maintenance Dredging



Contract Overview

Status: Pre-Award

Contract Type: Maintenance Dredging

Contractor:

Estimated Quantity: 3-5 million CY

Dredge Type:

Contract Req Depth:

Contract Award:

Contract Completion: July 2027

TBD

Pipeline

42-47ft + 2-ft

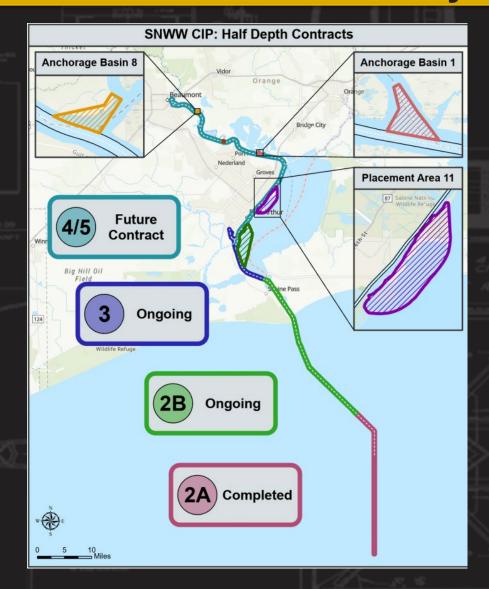
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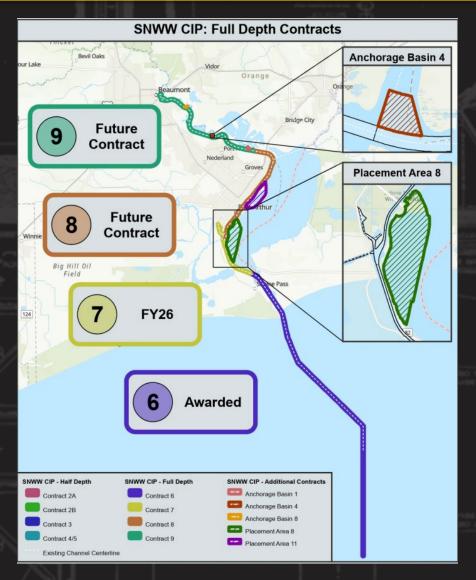
90 Day Look Ahead: P&S Development



GALVESTON DISTRICT - NEW WORK OVERVIEW

Sabine-Neches Waterway – Half/Full Depth Contracts





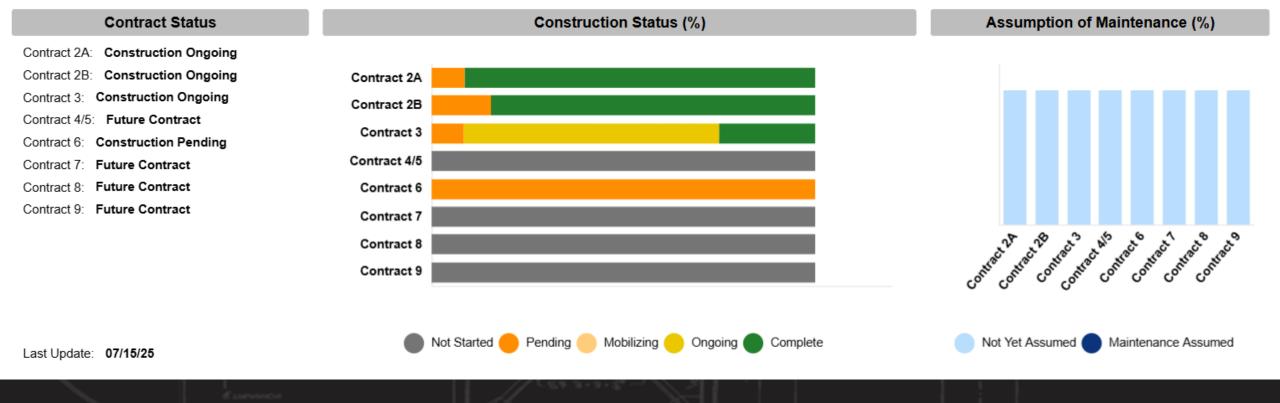


GALVESTON DISTRICT - NEW WORK CONTRACTS

FY26: Sabine-Neches Waterway – AOM Status

CESWG CIP AOM Status

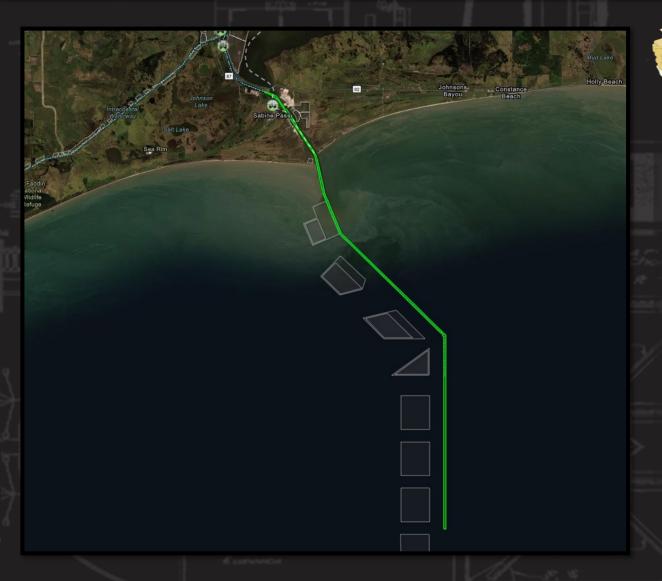
Sabine Neches Waterway: Channel Improvement Project





GALVESTON DISTRICT - ONGOING NEW WORK CONTRACTS

Sabine-Neches Waterway - Contract 6 (Full Depth)



Contract Overview

Status: Awarded

Contract Type: New Work Dredging

Contractor: GLDD

Contract Quantity: 30,000,000 cy

Dredge Type: Hopper

Contract Req Depth: 51-55ft + 1-ft OD

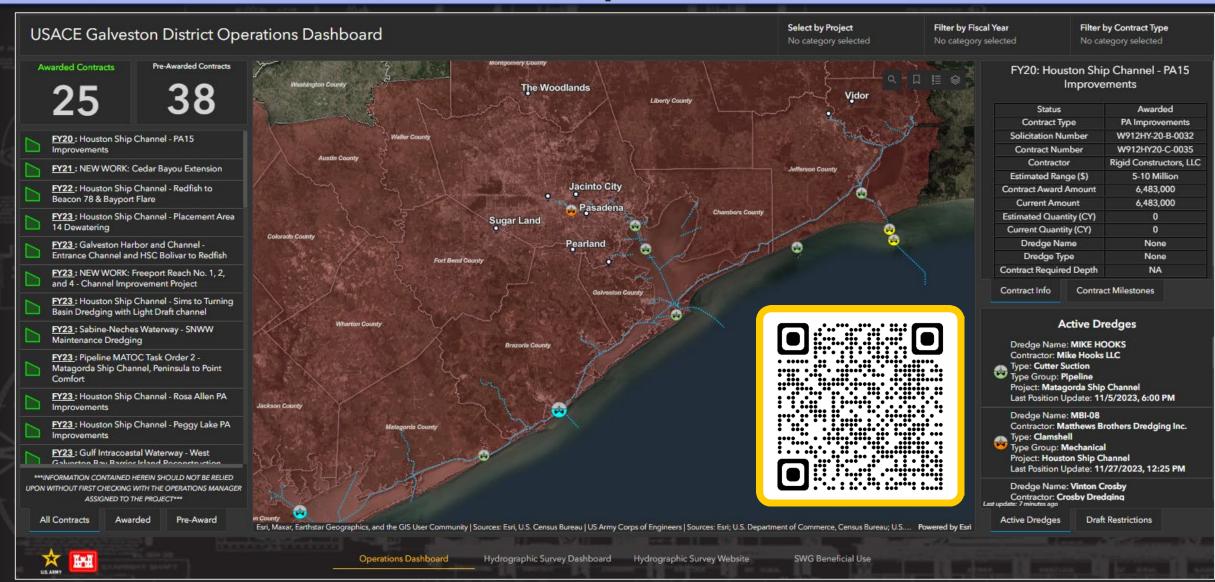
Contract Award: Sep 2024
Contract Completion: June 2027

Updates:

- Pre-dredge hazard surveys collected
- Dredging will commence December 2025

GALVESTON DISTRICT INFORMATION RESOURCES

Galveston District Operations Dashboard



USACE SNWW CONTACT INFORMATION

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MSU Port Arthur Port Security Specialist



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Southeast Texas and Southwest Louisiana Area Maritime Security Committee

Port Security Grant Program: FY25-Is not finalized due to the Government Shutdown. AMSC FSO/VSO Subcommittee meeting and the PRC will be held in DEC at Orange EXPO Center.

A USCG drones reporting form has been given to all FSOs in SETX and SWLA to ensure uniformity in reporting information.

National Response Center

1-800-424-8802

MISRAM (Maritime Infrastructure Recovery Assessment Model)

FY25 AMSTEP Functional Exercise was a success. Lessons learned will be applied to the AMSP in this years revision.

Port Security Grants Program

FEMA Grant POC:
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(202)786-9735 Desk
Lurranda.Phillips@fema.dhs.gov

If you have questions pertaining to your FY25 PSG please reach out to FEMA for details. The USCG is unable to comment on why and why not!

Questions?

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New Business



Jeferson County Vessel Turn-In Program

An Opportunity to Voluntarily Remove Inoperable Vessels

Jeferson County is partnering with the Texas General Land Ofice and the Texas Parks and Wildlife Dept. to ofer Jeferson County residents the opportunity to dispose of inoperable and derelict vessels through the "Vessel Turn-In Program."

Designed to provide owners with a voluntary, free method of boat disposal, the General Land Ofice and Texas Parks and Wildlife Dept. will verify ownership and qualification for disposal. Verification of ownership and a Release of Interest and Ownership form must be completed on-site. The title must be free of any loan balances, liens or taxes. Jeferson County will assist with landfill disposal and the General Land Ofice will remove oil, fuel and batteries on board the vessel. **The boat must be clear of trash and debris.**

Jeferson County residents are welcome to relinquish vessels up to 26 feet long. Longer boats may be accepted on a case-by-case basis. Please call for more information if you have a longer vessel. **Boats must be brought to the drop-of location.**

November 5-7, 2025 10:00 AM - 6:00 PM

Drop-Of Locations:

5700 Jade Avenue Port Arthur, TX 77640

Sponsors:







Elections

Entity	Agency	1st Term Start	1st Term End	2nd Term Start	2nd Term End	3rd Term Start	3rd Term End
Chairman							
Dan Plumley	Cheniere LNG	1/26/2023	1/25/2025	1/26/2025	1/25/2027		
Vice Chairman							
Randal Ogrydziak	Port of Beaumont	1/26/2023	1/25/2025	1/26/2025	1/25/2027		
Barge Operating Company							
(P) Jim Robertson	Strategic Towing	7/24/2020	7/23/2023	1/23/2025	1/22/2028		
(A) Mike Drone		1/23/2025	1/22/2028				
Chemical/Oil Refining Docks							
(P) Sean Marchant	Valero	10/29/2021	10/28/2024	1/23/2025	1/22/2028		
(A) Craig Marshall	Energy Transfer	1/23/2025	1/22/2028				
Commercial Fisheries Association							
(P) Nikki Fitzgerald	Texas A&M AgriLife	7/24/2020	7/24/2023	10/24/2024	10/23/2027		
(A) Nathan Souza (Non-Voting)	USCG						
Harbor Tug Company							
(P) Jack Bradshaw	Moran Towing	7/24/2020	7/23/2023	10/24/2024	10/23/2027		
(A) VACANT							
LNG Terminals							
(P) Micah DeRanieri	Cheniere LNG	1/26/2021	1/25/2023	1/26/2023	1/25/2026		
(A) Mike Butler	Golden Pass	10/26/2023	10/25/2026				
Marine Terminals							
(P) Christopher Deslatte	Sunoco Logistics	10/26/2023	10/25/2026				
(A) VACANT							
Ship Operating Company							
(P) Captain Arip Ismail	AET	7/21/2017	7/20/2020	7/24/2020	7/23/2023	7/27/2023	7/28/2026
(A) VACANT							
Shipping Agents							
(P) Vick Butler	Moran Shipping	10/24/2024	10/23/2027				
(A) VACANT							
Shipyard or Vessel Repair Facility							
(P) VACANT							
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Next Full Committee Meeting 22 January 2026