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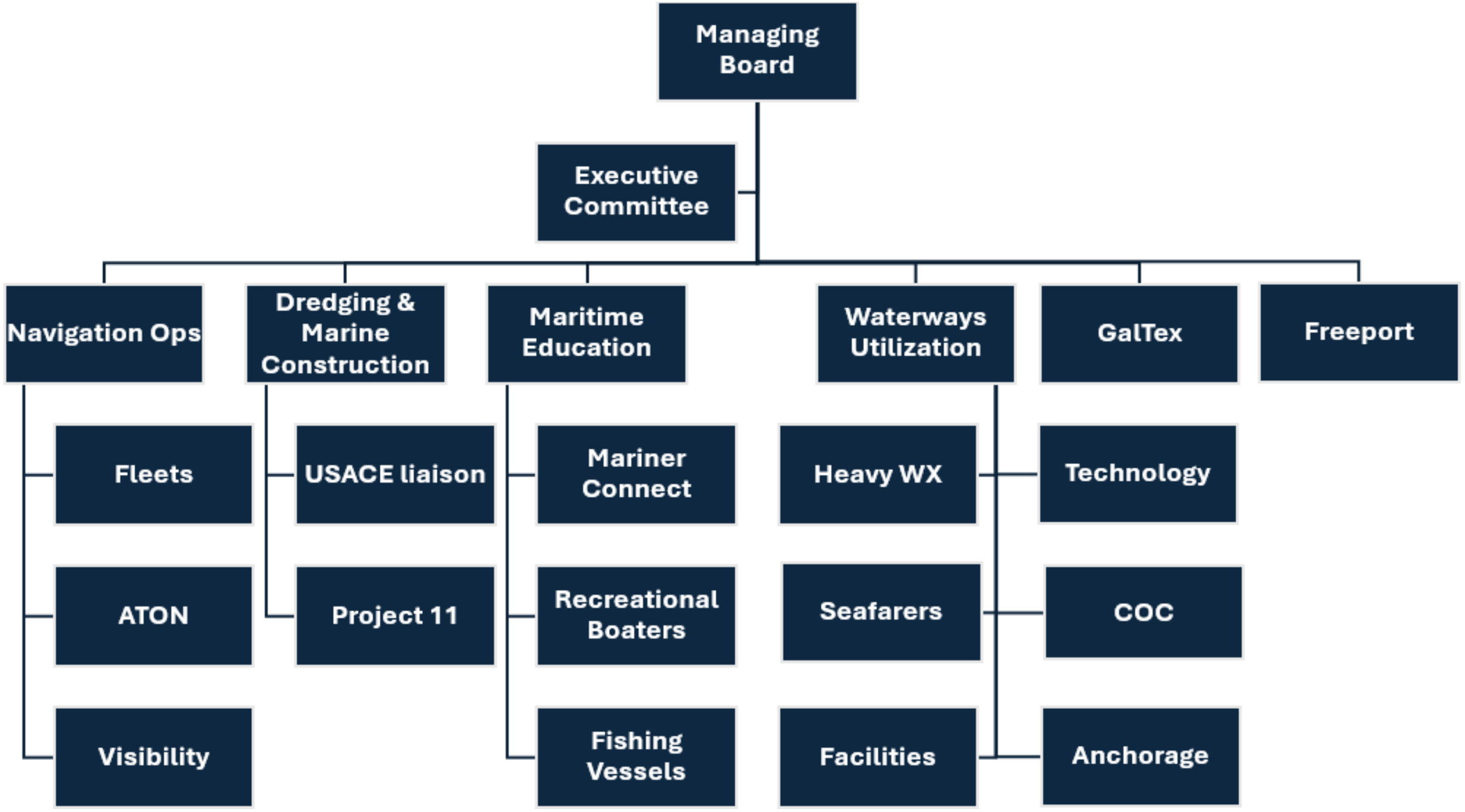
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# Opening Remarks

# Nathan Hough

## Vice Chair, Barge/Tow Boat Operators

# Safety Briefing

# Coast Guard

## USCG Sector Houston-Galveston

# Invocation

# Darren Shelton

## Past Chair, Shipping Agents

# Welcoming Remarks

# Captain Nicole Rodriguez

## Commander, USCG Sector Houston-Galveston

# Confirmation of Quorum

# Kathleen E. Sanders

## Executive Secretary

# Approval of Minutes

# February 7, 2025 Meeting

## Managing Board Vote

**Lone Star Harbor Safety Committee**
**Full Managing Board Meeting**
**February 7, 2025, 0900**
**Houston Pilot's office**
**Meeting Minutes**

A. Opening Remarks by Committee Chair – Greg DeLong

1) Our last meeting with Capt. Keith Donohue as our Sector Commander

B. Safety Briefing – JJ Plunkett

1) No drills scheduled
2) Smoking areas and Restroom locations identified.

C. Invocation –David Foret

D. Welcoming Remarks by Captain of the Port – Sector Commander Keith Donohue

1) We are in the process of rebuilding after hurricane Beryl and information on new funding for AIS
2) Headquarters personnel present to move forward on a study of what the future of VTS will look like
3) Thank you for your support
4) Everyone is doing great working together to solve issues (i.e. Pelican Island, Heavy Fog)
5) CDR. Nicole Rodriguez to be coming in.
6) Kelly Brown to take over Corina Ott's position
7) Brian Caputo coming in as Deputy

E. Confirmation of Committee Quorum – Kathleen Sanders

1) Quorum Confirmed – 26 members present

F. Approval of Minutes – Oct 31, 2024, Meeting

1) First: D. Shelton
2) Second: D. Foret

G. US Customs & Border Protection

1) No Report – Not present

H. **"State of the Waterway" – Albert Hernandez Director, Vessel Traffic Services**

1) Discussion on the new NVIC about the guidance for harbor safety committees, with plans to distribute it electronically.
2) Alberto Hernandez begins his presentation on the State of the waterway, highlighting the increase in commercial transits and the economic impact of the port.

I. Subcommittee Reports and Working Group Updates:

1) Navigation Operations Subcommittee and Working Groups – Capt. David Foret

a) Increased currents at Bolivar / GIWW – Current meters, TXDOT

- Rey Newby with TxDOT reviewed data and what is being done to problem-solve in these areas of concerns.
- Working to contact state agencies and USGS Water Development Board and identify source of increased velocities.
- Looking to temporarily deploy current meters to determine the cause. – still working on gathering funding for these.
- Looking for long-term funding for AIS and meters to be placed permanently in these problem areas.
- We are putting out an automated Incident Reporting form to allow us to create a log of the data.
- Putting together a working group for a bridge allision prevention group.

b) Capt. Foret gave a brief review of the NVIC 01-25 that recently came out on behalf of James Prazak.

c) Working Groups

- Marine Casualties / Loss of propulsion / Loss of steering
- Safe Access Group; Ship Pilot Ladders
- Texas International Terminal: approach, assist vessel, Pelican Island bridge

d) Upcoming meetings are scheduled to revisit and strengthen the San Jacinto High Water Action Plan, and the Navigation Guide for the Houston Ship Channel. We're also going to be reviewing a permit for fleeting operation over Freeport.

Waterways Utilization Subcommittee and Working Groups –JJ Plunkett

a) Next meeting at the end of March

b) Heavy Weather w/g James Prazak
c) Technology w/g Mike Warner –
d) Facility w/g John Taylor –
e) Anchorage w/g Mark Nokelby –

- Discussed Ike Dike Gate System and effects.
- Review of increased Transits
- More to come

f) COC w/g Jeff Milstein / Denise Schaefer

- Next meeting scheduled for March 26th to discuss power changes in DC
- Working directly with the congressional folks that have supported us so far.
- We are still looking to get our COC legislation change made.

g) Seafarers David Clark

- Upcoming Gala first Saturday of May - looking for volunteers
- Ship Visitor App to be enhanced following being purchased by an advocacy group

Dredging & Marine Construction Subcommittee – Jim Elliott

a) Next meeting February 20th
b) Focuses have been on Project 11 and keeping channels open.

c) U.S.A.C.E. update Andrew Cook –

- Review of report out from Andrew Cook and presentation.

d) Project 11 update Leia Wilson/Jose Tapia –

- Review of report out from Leia Wilson and presentation.

Maritime Education, Training and Outreach Subcommittee – Adam Reeves

a) Nothing to update yet – more to come.

b) Recreational Boater w/g David Clark –

- TGLO is more engaged regarding derelict boats
- They are looking for solutions
- BWSB signs are working!
- Facebook page is helping so much to keep the distribution up.

c) Fishing Vessel w/g Todd Whitecotton

- Nothing to Report

5) Freeport Subcommittee – Kody Andrews

Remarks by USCG Sector Houston-Galveston Personnel

1) Waterways Management and ATON LT Commander Alex Mostrom / LTJG Nelson
   a) Please notify off any construction to piers or docks to minimize delays in use.
   b) Channel closure requests – please communicate with us
   c) We are looking forward at potential closures upcoming in May surrounding the Beltway 8 bridge.

2) Vessel Traffic Service Albert Hernandez / Randy Scott
   a) Thank you to all of our mariners

3) Area Maritime Security Committee – Tyson Muniz / Keiton Moore
   a) Next meeting February 20th.
   b) Executive Steering Group is starting
   c) Briefing to come regarding the Final Rule for Cyber Security.

4) Cybersecurity – Keiton Moore
   a) The Final Rule is really putting out a baseline requirement for Cyber Security.
   b) Comment Period ends for US Flag Vessels on March 18th.
   c) You can find more information at www.regulations.gov - USCG-2022-0802; MTSCyberrule@uscg.mil – send any questions
   d) April 15th – Tabletop Exercise for Chemical Bonds

5) National Harbor Safety Committee – James Prazak

Old Business:

New Business:

1) A new Subcommittee is being formed under Darren Shelton for Galveston/Texas City.

Other Business:

Roundtable Comments

1) LSHSC Managing Board – General Comments and Discussion
2) Public Attendees

Upcoming Schedule: (Check www.LoneStarHSC.org for details & updates)

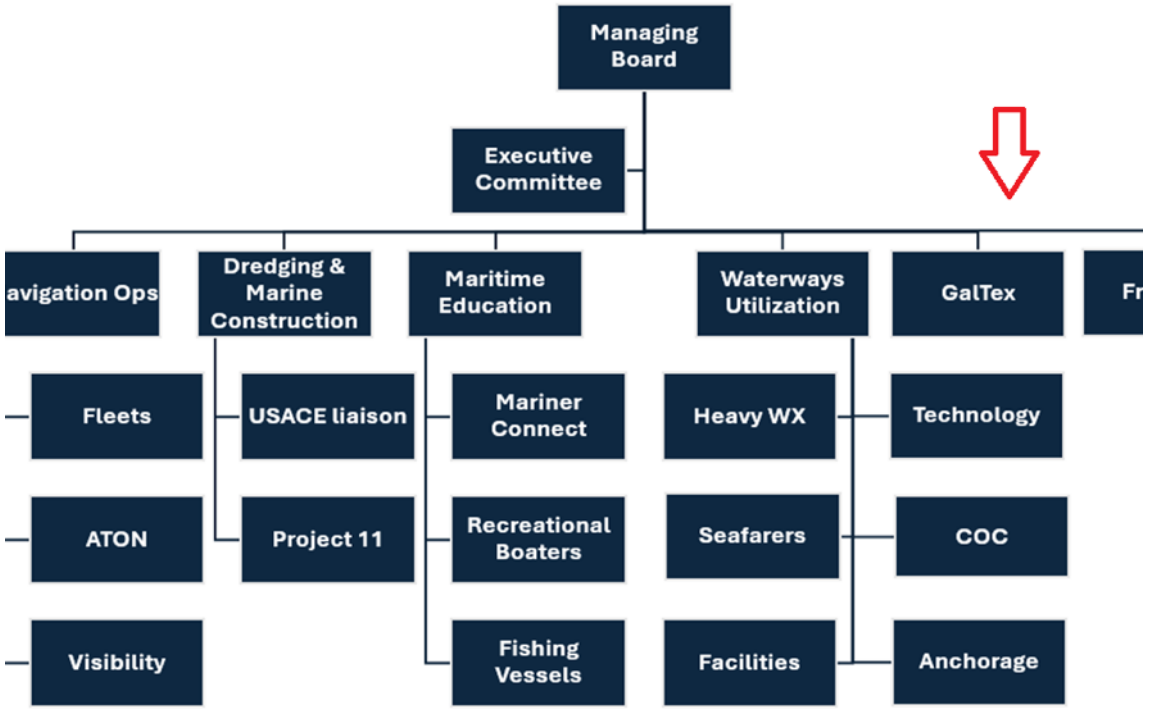
| | | |
|---|---|---|
| 1) | COC working group – | TBA |
| 2) | Waterway Utilization subcommittee – | 3/25/2025 (tentative) |
| 3) | Dredging & Salvage subcommittee – | 2/20/2025 |
| 4) | Freeport subcommittee – Port Freeport | 4/2/2025 |
| 5) | Maritime Education, Training, & Outreach (Virtual) | TBA |
| 6) | Navigation Operations subcommittee (Action Group) | 2/27/2025 |
| 7) | Next LSHSC Full Committee – Coast Guard Sector | 5/2/2025 @ 0900 |
| | a) Lone Star 2025—future meetings 5/2/25, 8/1/25, 11/7/25 | |

P. Adjourn –
1) First: R. Hawn
2) Second: E. Carrero

Q. *** denotes Action Item (vote required)

a) **Follow LSHSC on LinkedIn**
b) for updates and meeting announcements

# New GalTex Subcommittee




Lone Star Harbor Safety Committee

**GalTex Subcommittee Meeting**

Feb 27,2025 | Texas A&M Galveston

| | | |
|---|---|---|
| A. | Opening Remarks | Darren Shelton |
| B. | Safety Briefing | Robert Baker |
| C. | Introductions | |
| D. | Overview of LSHSC | Greg DeLong |
| E. | USCG | Bradley Bergan |
| F. | CBP | John Landry |
| G. | GalTex Pilots | Ryan Malcolm |
| H. | Port of Galveston | Brett Milutin |
| I. | Port of Texas City | Jason Hayley |
| J. | Waterways Utilization | J.J. Plunkett |

# New GalTex SubCommittee

# Customs & Border Protection

## Remarks

# Email Distribution

## is done via

# Subcommittees & Working Groups

# Subcommittee Reports

and

# Working Group Updates

# Navigation Operations


# Capt. David A. Foret, Jr.


## Barge/Tow Boat Organizations

# Waterways Utilization


## JJ Plunkett

### Houston Pilots Association

# Dredging & Marine Construction

## Jim Elliott

### Marine Salvage/Dredging Operators

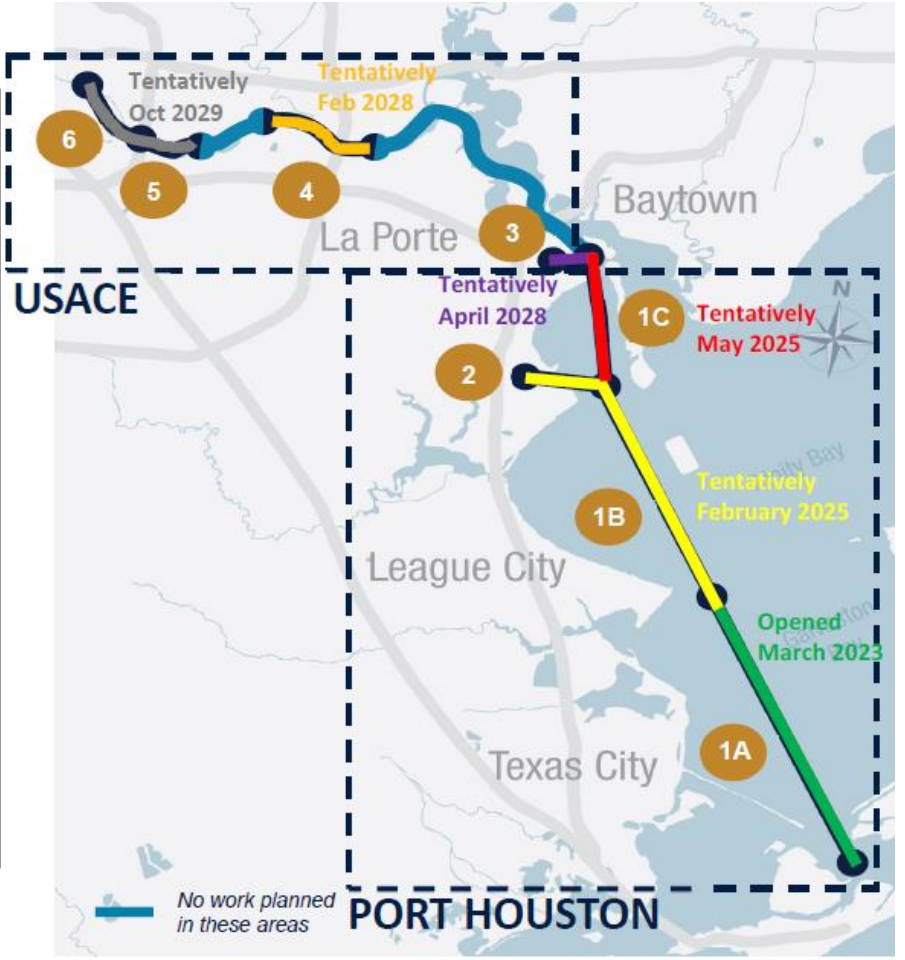
# Project 11 Updates

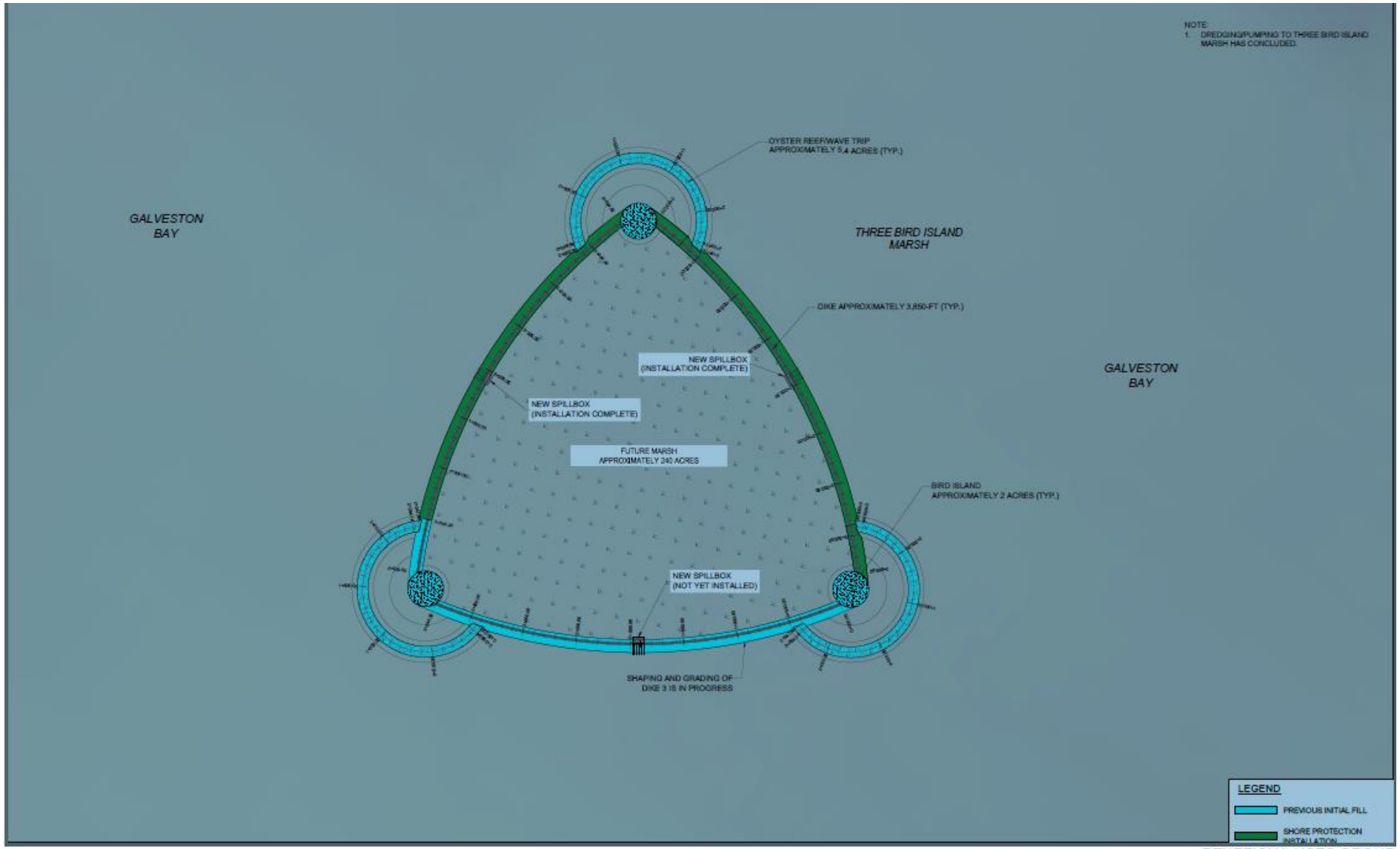

## Leia Wilson / Jose Tapia

Port of Houston Authority

## Project 11 Update

| | Package | Segment | Advertisement | Construction | | |
|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|
| Completed | 1 | 1A | Aug 2021 | USACE | Jan - Oct 2022 | Oyster Reefs |
| | 2 | 4 | Feb 2021 | Port | Jun 2021 - Jun 2022 | Upland |
| | Abandoned Pipeline Removal | 1A, 1B, 1C | Aug 2021 | Port | Jan - Jul 2022 | Channel |
| | 3/4A | 1A | Jul 2021 | Port | Apr 2022 – Mar 2023 | Channel |
| | 4B/5 | 1B,1C, 2 | Nov 2021 | Port | Dec 2022 - Jan 2025 | Channel |
| Under Contract | 6 | 1C | Oct 2023 | Port | Aug 2024 - May 2025 | Channel |
| | 7 | 3 | Nov 2023 | USACE | Apr 2025 - Apr 2028 | Channel |
| Pending Funding | 8 | 4 | Oct 2025 | USACE | Jan 2026 - May 2027 | Upland |
| | 9 | 4 | May 2026 | USACE | Feb 2027 - Feb 2028 | Channel |
| | 10, 11 | 5, 6 | Sept 2026 | USACE | Mar 2027 - Mar 2028 | Upland |
| | 12 | 5, 6 | Apr 2028 | USACE | Jan 2029 - Oct 2029 | Channel |






NEW THREE BIRD ISLAND MARSH CONSTRUCTION PROGRESS

BENEFICIAL USES GROUP
EXHIBIT 4 - MARCH 2025

March 2025
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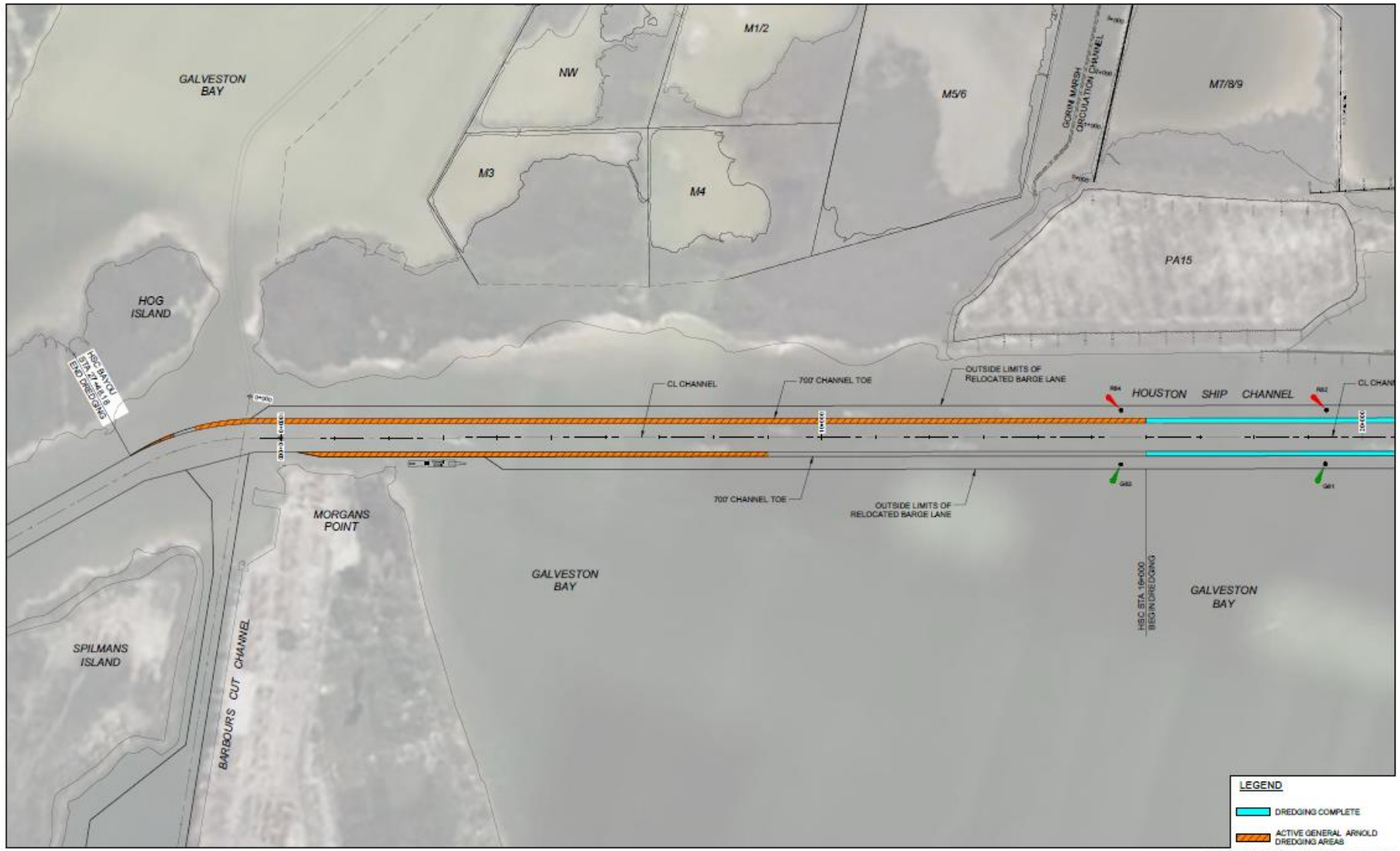
March 2025
Shore Protection Installation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HSC BAYOU STA 2+46+18 END DREDGING
CL CHANNEL
700' CHANNEL TOE
OUTSIDE LIMITS OF RELOCATED BARGE LANE
HOUSTON SHIP CHANNEL
MORGANS POINT
GALVESTON BAY
SPILMANS ISLAND
BARBOURS CUT CHANNEL
HSC STA 16+000 BEGIN DREDGING
LEGEND
DREDGING COMPLETE
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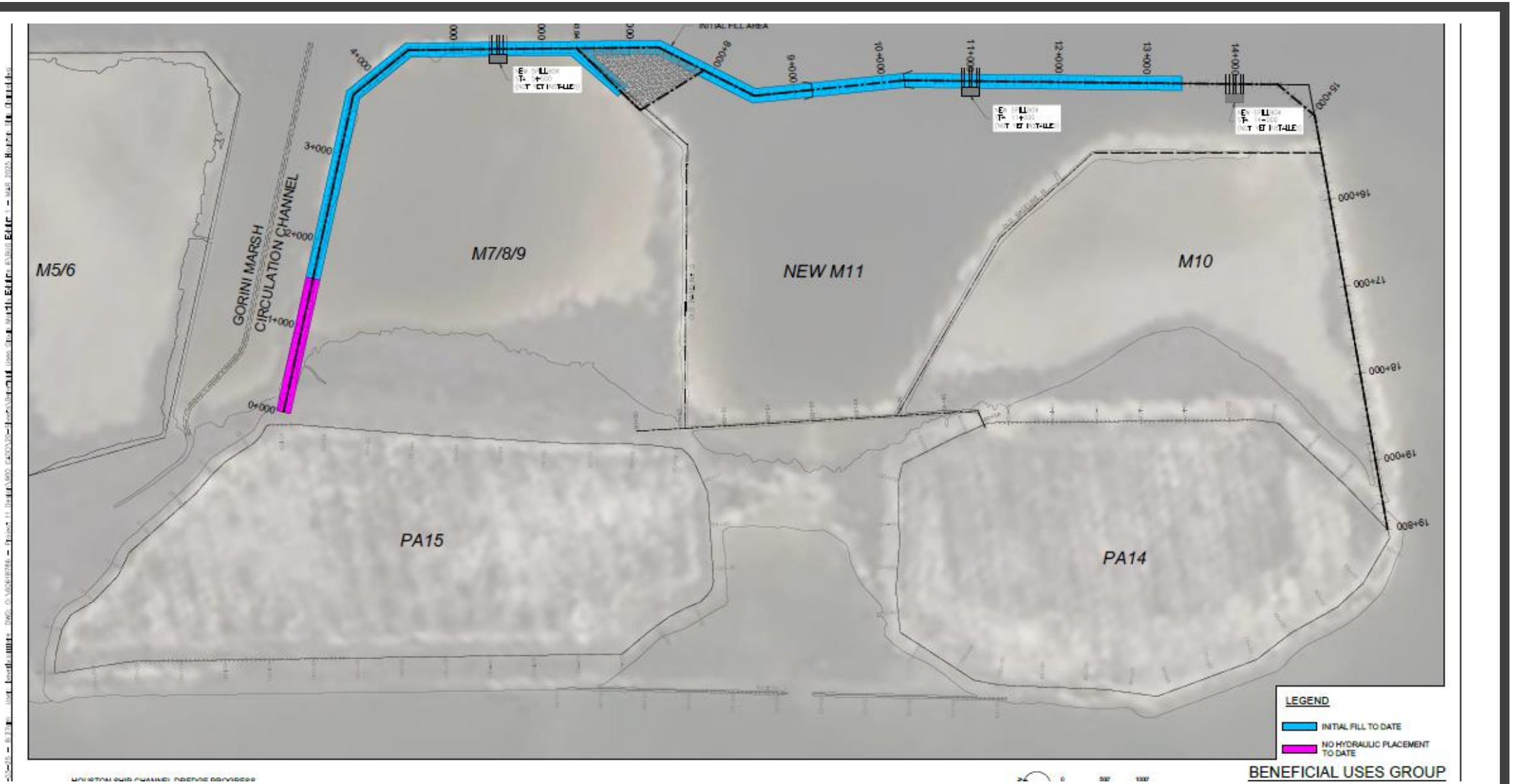
HOUSTON SHIP CHANNEL DREDGE PROGRESS
BENEFICIAL USES GROUP
EXHIBIT 1 - MARCH 2025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BENEFICIAL USES GROUP

March 2025
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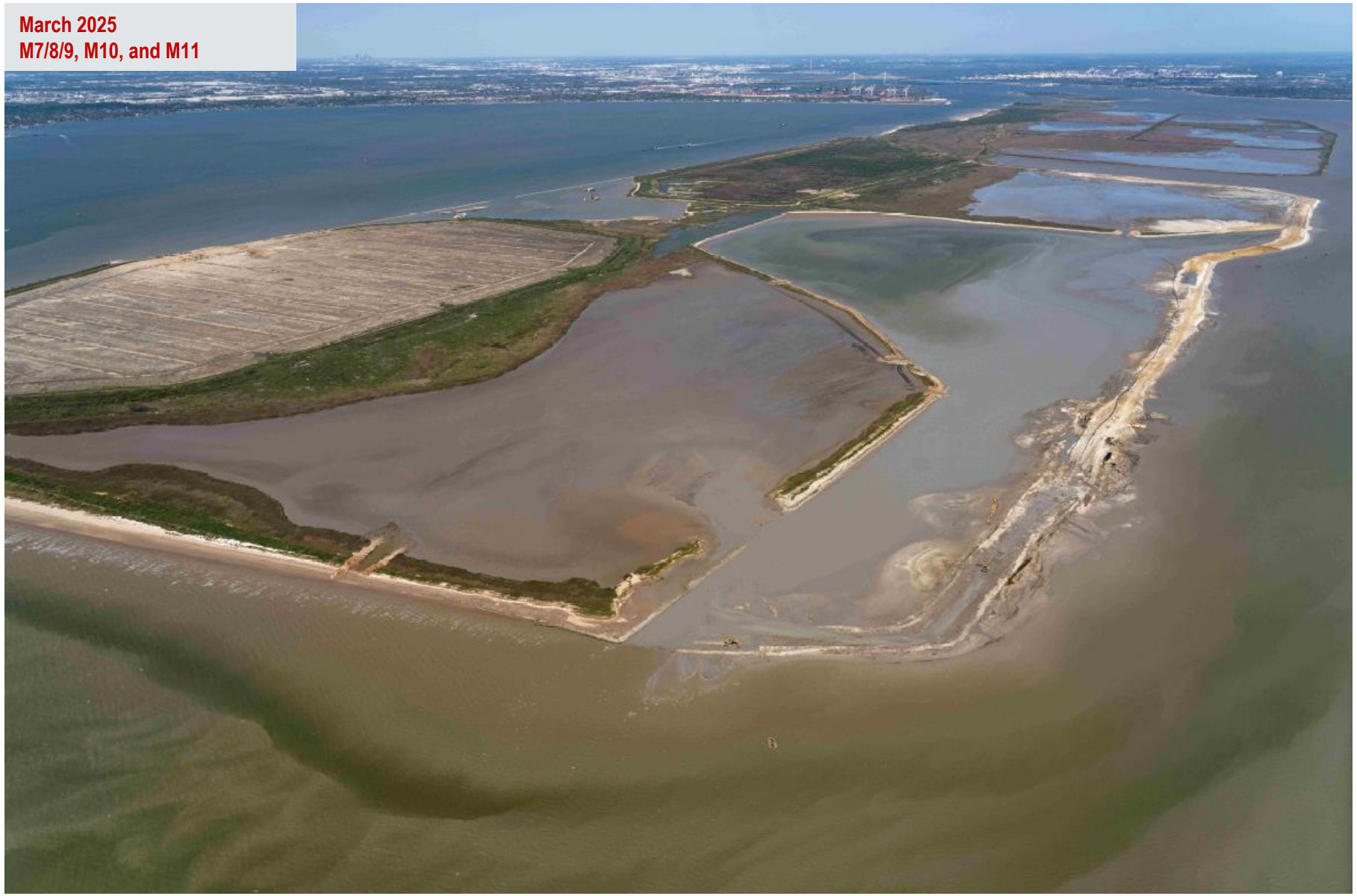

March 2025
M7/8/9, M10, and M11

March 2025
Affolter beginning earthwork on M11

# USACE Updates


## Andrew Cook

### U.S. Army Corps of Engineers (ACOE)

# U.S. Army Corps of Engineers Operations & Maintenance Project Update 21 April 2025 (DATES AND PROJECTS SUBJECT TO CHANGE)

**Ongoing contracts/mods:**

1) HSC Peggy Lake PA Improvements: (Mohawk Valley Materials): Contract awarded to Mohawk Valley Materials on September 28, 2023. NTP issued in October 2023 and work has commenced. KTR behind schedule, having issues dewatering. Negotiations with the KTR are still ongoing. Required contract completion in October 2024. Estimated construction completion in June 2025.

2) HSC PA Shoreline Protection: (Taylor Marine): Contract awarded to Taylor Marine on September 13, 2024. NTP issued and acknowledged on 9 October 2021. MOD executed on January 7, 2025, and KTR mobilized on the same day. Currently working and om schedule. Estimated Contract Completion in September 2025.

3) GHC Pelican Island PA Improvements: (Genesis 360): Contract awarded to Genesis 360 on April 19, 2024. NTP Issued on May 3, 2024, and work has commenced. Awarded Modification to contract to fix foundation issues in the PA. Required Contract Completion is October 2025.

4) HSC Bayport To Morgans and Bayport Ship Channel Hopper Dredging: Contract Awarded to Weeks Marine on 21 August 2024. NTP issued on 22 September 2024. However, there is a delay as the KTR is now estimating to start in May 2025. Work will start in the Bayport Flare, and then order of work may change based on shoaling and dredge spacing in the HSC within the contract limits. Contract Limits include HSC Main Stem between Bayport to Morgans (Sta. 30+089-0+000), Bayport Flare, and Bayport Ship Channel to include the Bayport Turning Basin.

- Option to Re-dredge the Bayport Flare is included in the contract as well.

5) GIWW West Galveston Bay Barrier Island Reconstruction: Awarded to Callen Marine in September 2023. Contract commenced in 1st quarter FY24. Work includes mining a Placement area to reconstruct a barrier island on the GIWW. Construction still ongoing. KTR completed the rock and reef-ball perimeter. Still on Schedule to complete contract by May 2025.

6) GIWW Freeport to Upper Matagorda Bay: Awarded to Inland Dredging Co. In July 2024 with work commencing shortly after. Awarded Option 3 (Channel to Palacios) and new Construction completion is scheduled for June 2025.

7) GIWW High Island to Causeway: Awarded to Callan Marine in September 2024. NTP was issued in October 2024 and work commenced in the 1st QTR of FY25. Construction still in progress with a required completion date of May 2025. Option 1 has been awarded (Dredge of the GIWW Alternate route) and Option 2 (Channel to Port Bolivar) has been awarded.

8) Freeport Harbor Improvements, Reach 1,2,4: Awarded on 30 May 2023 to Great Lakes Dredge & Docks (GLDD). NTP issued in June 2023 and work commenced July 2023. This is a NEW WORK contract for the deepening/widening of Freeport Harbor. Estimated Contract completion is January 2026.

9) Matagorda Ship Channel (MSC), Matagorda Pen. To Point Comfort: Awarded August 2023 to Mike Hooks LLC. Currently working northern portion of channel, placement at Open Water

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and Semi-Confined Placement Areas. Estimated contract completion May 2025.

**FY25 Planned Federal projects (all dates and projects subject to change):**

- FY25 Galveston Entrance Channel & HSC Bolivar to Redfish: Estimated Award-May 2025
- FY25 HSC Morgans to Boggy Bayou Dredging: Estimated Award-June 2025
- FY25 HSC Bayport Flare Dredging: Estimated Award-September 2025
- FY25 GHC Galveston Harbor Dredging: Estimated Award-September 2025
- FY25 TCSC Main Channel & Turning Basin Dredging: Estimated Award-June 2025
- FY25 HSC PA 14 Dike Raise: Estimated Award-July 2025
- FY25 HSC House Tract Dewatering: Estimated Award-September 2025
- FY25 GIWW Freeport to Matagorda Dredging: Estimated Award-September 2025
- FY25 GIWW Rollover to Causeway w/CTPB & Chocolate Bayou: Estimated Award-September 2025
- FY25 Mouth of Colorado River Dredging w/ Sargent Beach BU: Estimated Award-August/September 2025
- FY25 Matagorda Ship Channel Pipeline Dredging SATOC: Estimated Award-September 2025
- FY25 Freeport Harbor Hopper/Pipeline Dredging SATOC: Estimated Award-September 2025
- FY25 Hopper Dredging MATOC: Estimated Award-July 2025
- FY25 Pipeline Dredging MATOC: Estimated Award-July 2025

# Maritime Education, Training & Outreach


## Adam Reeves

Maritime Education, Training, & Outreach

# Freeport

# Kody Andrews

## Port of Freeport

# Remarks

by

# USCG Sector Houston-Galveston Personnel

# Waterways Management & ATON


## LCDR Mostrom/LTJG Nelson

USCG Sector Houston-Galveston

# Vessel Traffic Service (VTS)


## Alberto Hernandez

**USCG Sector Houston-Galveston**

# FORMS & DOCUMENTS

LSHSC page: https://lonestarhsc.org/vts-cotp-forms/

- Channel Obstruction Requests
- Non-VTSA/GIWW Obstruction Requests
- Notice of Intent to Disable Machinery
- VTS Charletts
- 2024 State of the Waterway
- VTS Policy for Restricted Mooring, Bunkering, Lightering
- VTS User Manual *2025*

# Area Maritime Security Committee / Cybersecurity


## Tyson Muniz / Keiton Moore

USCG Sector Houston-Galveston

# National Harbor Safety Committee (NHSC)

## James Prazak

### Chemical Terminals

# Port Conditions

# Timeline

## USCG Sector Houston-Galveston

# Port Conditions Timeline

**Whiskey:** 72 hours prior to arrival of tropical storm conditions;
**X-Ray:** 48 hours prior to arrival of tropical storm conditions;
**Yankee:** 24 hours prior to arrival of tropical storm conditions;
**Zulu:** 12 hours prior to arrival of tropical storm conditions;
**Recovery:** COTP will set after a storm has passed once the situation allows.

## Whiskey:

Initiate vessel and facility severe weather plans.
Waterfront facilities must complete and submit Pre-Storm Checklist (via digital form).
Commercial self-propelled vessels >500 GT requesting to remain in port shall submit “Declaration of Intent to Remain in Port” (via digital form).
Vessels in Bolivar Anchorage should prepare to depart when Port Condition Xray is set.
Ocean going vessels begin making plans for departure.

## Xray:

Departing orders for vessels without approval to remain in port shall commence.
Commence clearing vessels from Bolivar Anchorage.
Bunkering and lightering may be suspended.
Suspend all cargo transfers when winds reach 40mph.
Disconnect transfer hoses/assemblies when winds reach 50mph.
Smaller vessels shall seek shelter in preparation for possible port closure.
All containers stored near flood-prone areas should be moved.

## Yankee:

All inbound vessel transits suspended. Vessels without approval to remain in port shall depart.
Inland tows are to be properly moored.
Suspend bunkering and lightering operations unless specifically authorized by COTP.
Suspend all cargo operations unless specifically authorized by COTP.
Waterfront facilities and vessels shall secure or remove missile hazards, dangerous cargo, containers and/or pallet stacks.
Regulated facilities shall press up storage tanks to reduce wind damage.

## Zulu:

**PORT CLOSED TO ALL TRANSITS**

All cargo, bunkering, and lightering operations are suspended unless specifically authorized by the COTP.
All vessels greater than 500 gross tons approved to remain in port must: have engines and anchors immediately available for use, implement preapproved mooring arrangements, and maintain a continuous listening watch on VHF Channel 16.

# Future Lone Star Dates

# Next meeting 8/1/2025

## @ Houston Pilots

# Upcoming Schedule

- COC working group – TBA
- Waterway Utilization subcommittee – June 3 (Pilots office)
- Dredging & Salvage subcommittee – June 3 (Pilots office)
- Navigation Operations subcommittee – June 3 (Pilots office)
- Freeport subcommittee – July 2  (Port Freeport)
- Maritime Education, Training, & Outreach – TBA (Virtual)
- Next LSHSC Managing Board – 8/1/2025 (Pilots office)

# Public Comments

## 3 Minute Maximum

## Non-Liquid Terminal Operators

Manchester Terminal

Vulcan Materials Company

Holcim

Gulf Stream Marine

## Shipping Agents

Norton Lilly International

Biehl

Fillette Green

Moran Shipping Agencies, Inc.

Host

GAC

## Line Handlers

Houston Mooring

## Pilots

Houston Pilots

Galveston Texas City Pilots 1845

Brazos Pilots Association

## Container Ships

MSC

CMA CGM

ZIM

Hapag-Lloyd

MOL

Cosco Shipping

Maersk Line

NuStar

Ryan Marine Incorporated

Halliburton

FuelTrust

## Tank Vessel Owner/Operators

Scorpio Tankers Inc.

Vitol

Cargill

## Trade Organizations

Greater Houston Port Bureau

WGMA

## Maritime Education

Texas Southern University

San Jacinto College Maritime

Texas A&M University Galveston Campus

University of Houston

## Stevedore/Labor

Schröder Marine Services, Inc.

Empire Stevedoring

Texas Stevedoring Services

C/PA

Ceres

Intergulf Corporation

## Ports

Port Houston — The International Port of Texas

The Port of Texas City — Texas City Terminal Railway Company

Galveston Wharves

Port Freeport

## Federal Partners

National Oceanic and Atmospheric Administration — U.S. Department of Commerce

U.S. Customs and Border Protection — Department of Homeland Security

Maritime Administration — United States of America

United States Coast Guard 1790

## Refineries

ExxonMobil

lyondellbasell

Shell

Valero

bp

Phillips 66

Pemex

## Passenger Vessels

Carnival

Royal Caribbean International

Disney Cruise Line

## Chemical Terminals

INEOS

Tricon Energy

Eastman

Vopak

BASF

Dow

Chevron Phillips Chemical Company LP

## Barge/Tow Boat Operators

Florida Marine

FMT

Kirby

Martin Transport Inc.

Stone

## Barge/Tow Boat Orgs

the ACTion group

TVIB

The American Waterways Operators

GICA

## Bulk Liquid Storage

EP Energy Partners

Texas International Terminals

Enterprise Products Partners L.P.

Freeport LNG

Targa

Magellan Midstream Partners, L.P.

Huntsman

LBC Tank Terminals

Cheniere

Jacob Stern & Sons Incorporated

Kinder Morgan Inc.

## Recreational Boaters

## Commercial Fishing Vessels

## Dry Cargo Vessel Operators

C-P Chipolbrok America Inc

## Shipyard Facilities

Gulf Copper — Employee Owned, Customer Driven

Malin International Ship Repair & Drydock, Inc.

## Harbor Tug Operators

G&H Towing

Bay-Houston Towing Co. — Harbor and Coastwise Towing — Houston • Galveston • Corpus Christi • Freeport • Texas City

## Chemical Tank Vessels

Odfjell

Team

MOL Chemical Tankers

Navig8

## Marine Salvage/Dredging Operators

Callan Marine

Orion Marine Group

Donjon Smit Salvage

Tidewater Group Co.

Ardent

McCarthy

# Chairman Closing Comments

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