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Corps to begin dredging the Intracoastal Waterway near St. Lucie and Jupiter Inlets, advises mariners

JACKSONVILLE, Fla. – The Jacksonville District, U.S. Army Corps of Engineers, will begin dredging sections of the Intercoastal Waterway in the vicinity of St. Lucie Inlet and Jupiter Inlet, in Martin and Palm Beach Counties, on or about Oct. 16, 2020.

Maintenance dredging along the IWW is expected to start as early as Oct. 16 and be complete by Feb. 28, 2021. The project will include the dredging of approximately 48,000 cubic yards of material from the vicinity of the St. Lucie Inlet with placement within the St. Lucie Impoundment Basin, and approximately 95,000 cubic yards dredged from the vicinity of Jupiter Inlet with placement on the beach south of the Jupiter Inlet. The dredging is anticipated to begin in the vicinity of the Crossroads area in St. Lucie Inlet in Martin County, to be followed by operations in the vicinity of Jupiter Inlet in Palm Beach County.

Beach placement activity will not begin until Nov. 1, 2020, and will be continuous, 24 hours a day, seven days a week, until completion. Dredge material placement will be conducted in compliance with the applicable Florida Department of Environmental Protection permit, and the awarded plans and specifications. This material is being placed as part of the Corps' Regional Sediment Management project, designed to make the best use of scarce sand and dredging material, and is not intended to provide a specific level of hurricane protection.

The Corps requests boaters and residents to exercise caution in the work areas and to watch for the marked floating pipeline within the IWW while dredging operations are under way. Additionally, the public should anticipate activities on the beach south of Jupiter Inlet through the end of February 2021.



The project is being executed under a \$2,787,125 maintenance dredging contract that the district awarded as a small business set aside contract to Coastal Dredging Company, Inc., of Hammond, La., July 27, 2020.

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