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Maintenance Dredging of Murrell's Inlet Begins

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MURRELL'S INLET, S.C. --- Charleston District, U.S. Army Corps of Engineers' maintenance dredging of the Murrell's Inlet Channel is scheduled to begin the week of June 17.

Southern Dredging Company, Inc. of Johns Island, S.C., the contractor for the dredging project, will be using their Pipeline Dredge named "Cherokee," to dredge the channel. The dredged material will be pumped through a pipeline to Garden City Beach and Huntington Beach State Park.

Southern Dredging will place warning tape to designate the work area on the beaches. These marked areas will be closed to public use while work is done in the particular vicinity. In the interest of safety, the public must remain outside the marked areas at all times.

There will be a floating pipeline near the dredge. Boaters should exercise precaution and stay clear of all pipelines, buoys and the dredge. If boaters are unsure of how to safely navigate around the dredging operation, they can contact the dredge crew on VHF Marine Band Radio Channel 16. For more information about navigating through this area, listen to the U.S. Coast Guard's Broadcast Notice to Mariners and look for the USCG's local Notice to Mariners.

The Corps anticipates the dredging to be completed in late-September, unless delayed by unusually severe weather conditions.