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US Army Corps Of Engineers Awards AIWW Maintenance Dredging

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CHARLESTON, S.C.--- The U. S. Army Corps of Engineers, Charleston District, awarded a \$694,928 maintenance-dredging contract to Southern Dredging Company, Inc., of Johns Island, S.C. on 15 July 2003 to address shoaling in the Atlantic Intracoastal Waterway (AIWW).

Using the pipeline Dredge Cherokee, Southern will remove approximately 410,000 cubic-yards of material from the AIWW between the Combahee and South Edisto rivers and 79,400 cubic yards from two high-shoal areas between Swinton and Inlet creeks near Isle of Palms, S.C. This contract also includes some minor dredge disposal dike and spillway repair work to support this dredging effort.

Work on the project is expected to begin the week of July 21, and Corps officials anticipate that it will be completed by the end of September.

All vessels should contact the Dredge Cherokee when nearing the dredging operation and coordinate safe passage. In addition, all boaters are reminded to be alert when in the vicinity of the dredging operation and to watch for dredge pipeline, cables, buoys, etc.