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## US Army Corps Of Engineers Begins Dredging Shem Creek

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CHARLESTON, S.C.--- The U. S. Army Corps of Engineers' dredging of Shem Creek is scheduled to begin July 24.

The Corp awarded the \$2.8 dredging contract to Southern Dredging Company, Inc., of Johns Island, S.C. on June 7 to address shoaling in Shem Creek and Charleston Harbor's Towncreek channels.

Using their pipeline dredge The Cherokee, Southern Dredging will remove approximately 180,000 cubic-yards of material from the intersection of the main Charleston Harbor shipping channel and Shem Creek to approximately 1,200 feet downstream of the Shem Creek Bridge. Corps officials anticipate that the work on the creek will be completed by the end of August.

In addition, Marinex Construction Company, working as a subcontractor to Southern Dredging will use their Dredge Hampton Rhodes to remove approximately 425,000 cubic yards from Towncreek. The work on the Towncreek Channel should be completed by the end of September.

Extreme caution should be exercised when passing dredging equipment. Vessels should contact the Dredge Cherokee, on marine channel 13 or 16, when nearing the dredging operation and coordinate safe passage. Boaters anchored or docked in Shem Creek should make sure that are outside the channel, so they do not interfere with the dredging operations. 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.