



Notice to Navigation interests



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NOTICE TO NAVIGATION INTERESTS:

LOWER TOMBIGBEE RIVER, ALABAMA
SUNFLOWER BAR, MILE 78

Notice is given to mariners that the river is closed to traffic until further notice due to shoaling of the Sunflower Bar. A report of commercial tows grounding on the shoal has occurred as water levels have decreased to a level that restricts navigation. There is currently a dredge onsite building the required pipeline and will be moved to the location of groundings to dredge a pilot channel for vessels. Due to the urgency of dredging a pilot channel, commercial traffic is being suspended to allow the dredge to expedite its work unimpeded. Work is anticipated to take 36 to 48 hours to complete.

Reference Navigation Bulletin 20-66 for information on the dredge KELLY L.

Once a pilot channel through the Sunflower location is completed, it will be marked with buoys and a Navigation Bulletin will be published to inform mariners of the reopening of the river to traffic.

For further information please contact **Chad Brumelow or Anthony Perkins at the Black Warrior/Tombigbee & Alabama Rivers Project Management Office at (205) 752-3571.**

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