Notice to Navigation interests

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NOTICE TO NAVIGATION INTERESTS:

TOMBIGBEE RIVER, ALABAMA
LOWER RIVER BELOW COFFEEVILLE

Notice is given to mariners that there are areas of concern for shoaling as the river below Coffeeville continues to fall out. The current gauge is 3.53 feet and dropping. At the following locations users will lose the 9’ channel once the gauge reaches 3’ and 2’ respectively:

- Sunflower Bar, Mile 78 – 9’ channel lost at 3’ gauge; the dredge COASTAL ROSE is onsite
- East Bassetts, Mile 87 – 9’ channel lost at 2’ gauge
- St. Elmo, Mile 95 – 9’ channel lost at 2’ gauge
- Buena Vista, Mile 108 – 9’ channel lost at 2’ gauge
- Coffeerville Lower Approach, Mile 116.5 – 9’ depth lost at 2’ gauge along the guide wall

The shoaling is spread across the channel and surveys do not show a best sailing line through these areas. Mariners are urged to use extreme caution when transiting these areas.

Reference Navigation Bulletin 19-81 for information on the dredge COASTAL ROSE.

Dredge COASTAL ROSE is currently dredging at mile 78. We will dredge pilot channels to pass traffic through all listed locations. Once completed, they will be marked with buoys.

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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