



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 a pilot channel of 140'x9', marked by buoys, is now available to transit Sunflower Bar, mile 78. There is a large queue of traffic upstream and downstream of Sunflower Bar. The pilot channel has a restricted width of 140' and allows one way traffic to transit the shoal. In conjunction with the USCG and industry the following traffic management plan will be in effect until the queue clears.

Traffic Management Plan:

- Once navigation resumes traffic will flow northbound (upstream) to allow 5 tows to transit the shoal then traffic will flow southbound (downstream) for 5 tows.
- The pattern will alternate between 5 northbound and 5 southbound tows until the queue has cleared.
- After the queue is cleared vessels are urged to communicate and arrange appropriate passing arrangements in this area.

Once traffic has cleared the dredge will resume operations at Sunflower. The river will remain open and traffic will be allowed to pass. Mariners should expect delays while the dredge is operating and should make contact with the dredge when transiting the area.

Reference Navigation Bulletin 19-83 for information on the shoaling below Coffeeville.

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

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