Vermilion Dredging Announced

INTRACOASTAL CITY — Dredging will begin shortly to restore the outer reach of Freshwater Bayou in southwestern Vermilion Parish to its original depth, according to a release from the New Orleans District of the U.S. Army Corp of Engineers.

The $994,460 work contract was awarded to Williams-MacWilliams Co. of Metairie. The project will include cleaning of the channel to a depth of 16 feet below the mean low Gulf level, over a bottom width of 125 feet from the Freshwater Bayou Lock out to .1 mile in the Gulf.

The bottom width widens to 250 feet at mile .05 out to mile — 4.0 in the Gulf, the release continued. This should restore the channel to the the depth authorized by Congress.

As additional two feet will be permitted for advance maintenance, the release added. Also included in the contract is the dredging of shoal material from the east and west lock chambers, and the lock approach banks.

The contractor is expected to complete the job in 100 days.