



# Greater Lafourche Port Commission

Port Fourchon ♦ South Lafourche Leonard Miller, Jr. Airport

*"The Gulf's Energy Connection"*

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## Belle Pass Dredging Under Way



(GALLIANO, LA, MAY 12, 2006) –The channel to Port Fourchon is getting a “face lift” by the U.S. Army Corps of Engineers. As a result of the 2005 hurricanes, shoaling in the channel is currently being removed and restoration of the rock entrance jetties will soon begin.

According to Port Director Ted Falgout, “These welcomed improvements may cause some temporary inconvenience for mariners, but will yield a much safer and efficient channel.” Dredging is expected to be complete by June 30, 2006.

Dredging will be performed 24 hours a day, 7 days a week. The dredge will be monitoring VHF-FM channels 13 and 16. Mariners are urged to transit the area at their slowest safe speed to minimize wake and proceed with extreme caution after passing arrangements have been made.

## ABOUT US

*The Greater Lafourche Port Commission was established by the state of Louisiana in 1960 and exercises jurisdiction over an area of Lafourche Parish, south of the Intracoastal Waterway, including Port Fourchon and the South Lafourche Leonard Miller Jr. Airport. In a relatively short time frame, the commission has developed the nation's premiere oil and gas support services port on the Gulf of Mexico, Port Fourchon, and continues to develop the South Lafourche Airport in the support of the hydrocarbon, fishing, tourist, and recreational industries.*

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