



The Army Corps needs to hear your input on plans to dredge Matagorda and Lavaca Bay! Public comments are due by July 3, 2023.

To complete a massive new export terminal for oil tankers, the Port of Calhoun and U.S. Army Corps are considering a plan to dredge a deep channel through a 22-mile swath of Matagorda Bay and Lavaca Bay.

Here are just a few impacts that the dredging project and oil terminal expansion would have on our communities:

Fishing Community & Seafood

Scientists have shown that this dredging project could destroy hundreds of acres of oyster reefs and important fish habitat. The fishing community depends on the health of these bays and habitats for their livelihoods and to provide safe seafood to the public.

Mercury Contamination

Dredging would stir up mercury and other toxins in commercial and recreational oyster harvesting areas. Mercury accumulates in fish, oysters, and shrimp and can cause brain damage.

Water Recreation

Our bays offer a wide range of recreation activities to choose from. Industrial pollution, potential oil spills, increased ship traffic and more puts this at risk.

Marine Environment & Wildlife

Digging up and dumping dredge material would destroy and smother acres of habitat that hundreds of species like the endangered Kemp's Ridley sea turtle depend on.

Waterfront Property Damage

The dredging project leaves properties exposed to shoreline erosion.

Tell the U.S. Army Corps how dredging Matagorda Bay and Lavaca Bay will impact you! Please send in your comments today!