

GULF INTRACOASTAL WATERWAY

BETWEEN APALACHEE BAY, FLA., AND
THE MEXICAN BORDER (MOBILE DISTRICT)

CONDITION OF IMPROVEMENT ON 30 SEPTEMBER 1997

Existing Project: The existing project provides for a waterway 12 feet deep and 125 feet wide at mean low water from Apalachee Bay, Fla., to Mobile Bay, Ala., and 12 feet deep and 150 feet wide from Mobile Bay, Ala., to the Rigolets, La. (Lake Borgne Light No. 29), and for a tributary channel (the Gulf County Canal), 12 feet deep, 125 feet wide, and about 6 miles long connecting the waterway at White City, Florida with St. Joseph Bay. The waterway between the 12 foot contours in Apalachee Bay and Lake Borgne Light No. 29 at the Rigolets is 379 miles long. Plane of reference is mean low water.

The existing project was authorized by the 1966 River and Harbor Act. (House Document 481, 89th Congress, 2nd Session), as amended and prior acts.

Progress: The existing project is completed except for that portion between Apalachicola Bay and St. Marks, Florida which has been deauthorized. Modification of the Gulf County Canal to provide a 12- foot by 125-foot channel was completed in June 1969.

Cost of Construction: \$6,480,299 (including \$45,605 expended on previous projects).

	MEAN (FEET)	EXTREME (FEET)
Tidal Range		
St. Marks River entrance, Fla.	3.3	5.7
Apalachicola, Fla.	1.6	3.0
Panama City, Fla.	1.3	3.0
Choctawhatchee Bay, Fla.	0.5	3.0
Pensacola, Fla.	1.1	3.0
Perdido Bay, Ala.	1.1	2.8
Mobile Bay, Ala.	1.2	3.5
Mississippi Sound, Miss.	1.6	3.2

Controlling Depth: Carrabelle, Florida to the Rigolets, La. maintained to authorized depth of 12.0 feet.

Acreage Acquired: 8,973.