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### **Doctors Pass Dredge Project to be Revisited**

(Naples, FL) – The Coastal Zone Management Department completed the dredging of Wiggins Pass and Doctors Pass at the end of March, however an independent surveyor hired by Collier County has reported that more material must be removed from Doctors Pass.

The county hired contractor Subaqueous Services, LLC to remove 49,600 cubic yards of sand from Wiggins Pass and approximately 36,000 cubic yards from Doctors Pass. County protocol requires hiring an independent surveyor to inspect the completed dredging projects and this surveyor has reported that the contractor removed 16,000 less cubic yards than its contract amount.

As a result, Doctors Pass dredging must recommence. Subaqueous Services, LLC will return to Doctors Pass April 5 to setup for the removal of the remaining 16,000 cubic yards, which is part of its original contract. The contract was in the amount of \$1,555,419.29 covering the dredging of Wiggins Pass and Doctors Pass.

After receiving notification from the county about this issue, Subaqueous Services, LLC discovered that its electronic survey equipment had failed to report accurate depths during the Doctors Pass dredging project.

“16,000 cubic yards is greater than the amount of accretion in Doctors Pass over the course of year,” said Coastal Zone Management Project Inspector Al Madsen. “Consequently, if not removed, the county would have to dredge Doctors Pass a year earlier than the regular dredge cycle, and we would incur additional costs.”

Doctors Pass is currently on a four-year dredge cycle. The county last dredged Doctors Pass in 2005.

Subaqueous Services, LLC will return on April 5 to complete the job at no additional cost to Collier County. Set up for the dredging will begin the week of April 9 and will take approximately 10 days to complete. Dredged material will be placed at Lowdermilk Park, however Easter weekend material will be placed north of Lowdermilk in an effort to accommodate Easter weekend activities.

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