



## **Beach Briefs - May 22, 2012**

# **Blind Pass Maintenance Dredging to Begin in Early June; Completed by the End of August**

Lee County Board of Commissioners unanimously approved the maintenance dredging of Blind Pass at their May 1 meeting. The work will be performed by Florida Dredge and Dock, the contractor for the recent Ft. Myers Beach project. Their equipment is still in the area and the County will not have to pay for the mobilization (delivery) of the equipment, saving as much as 50% of the cost. Lee County is funding the entire project. Equipment will begin to appear around the pass the end of this week and County officials say the contractor will begin pumping sand the first week in June. Work should be completed by the end of August.

The initial work will begin seaward of the bridge. Approximately 75,000 cubic yards of sand will be dredged seaward and 25,000 cubic yards will be dredged landward. Beach fill will be placed on Sanibel between monuments R116 and R118. Turtle and shorebird monitoring will be completed by 8 am each morning once the work begins.

The contractor will be allowed to work 7 days a week, 24 hours a day. There will be no disruption to automobile traffic and the north and south parking lots at Blind Pass will remain open. However, some parking spaces on each side will be reserved for the contractor.

County Commissioner John Manning and the staff of the Lee County Division of Natural Resources were instrumental in moving this project forward and ultimately securing the 5-0 votes of the Board of County Commissioners. Not to be overlooked, however, is the wide support the community provided both on Captiva and Sanibel.



*Blind Pass just when in reopened in April 2009*



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