

Temporary Emergency Drought Barrier in Delta

To help slow the movement of saltwater into the central Delta and prevent contamination of water supplies in the Sacramento-San Joaquin Delta, the California Department of Water Resources (DWR), in consultation with federal and state water and wildlife agencies, is moving to install an emergency, temporary rock barrier across a Sacramento-San Joaquin Delta channel.

In-water work will begin **June 3, 2021**. The temporary barrier will be removed by **November 30, 2021**.

Boating Detours Around Emergency Drought Barrier

Travel Time Estimates – South Delta (Discovery Bay to San Joaquin River)

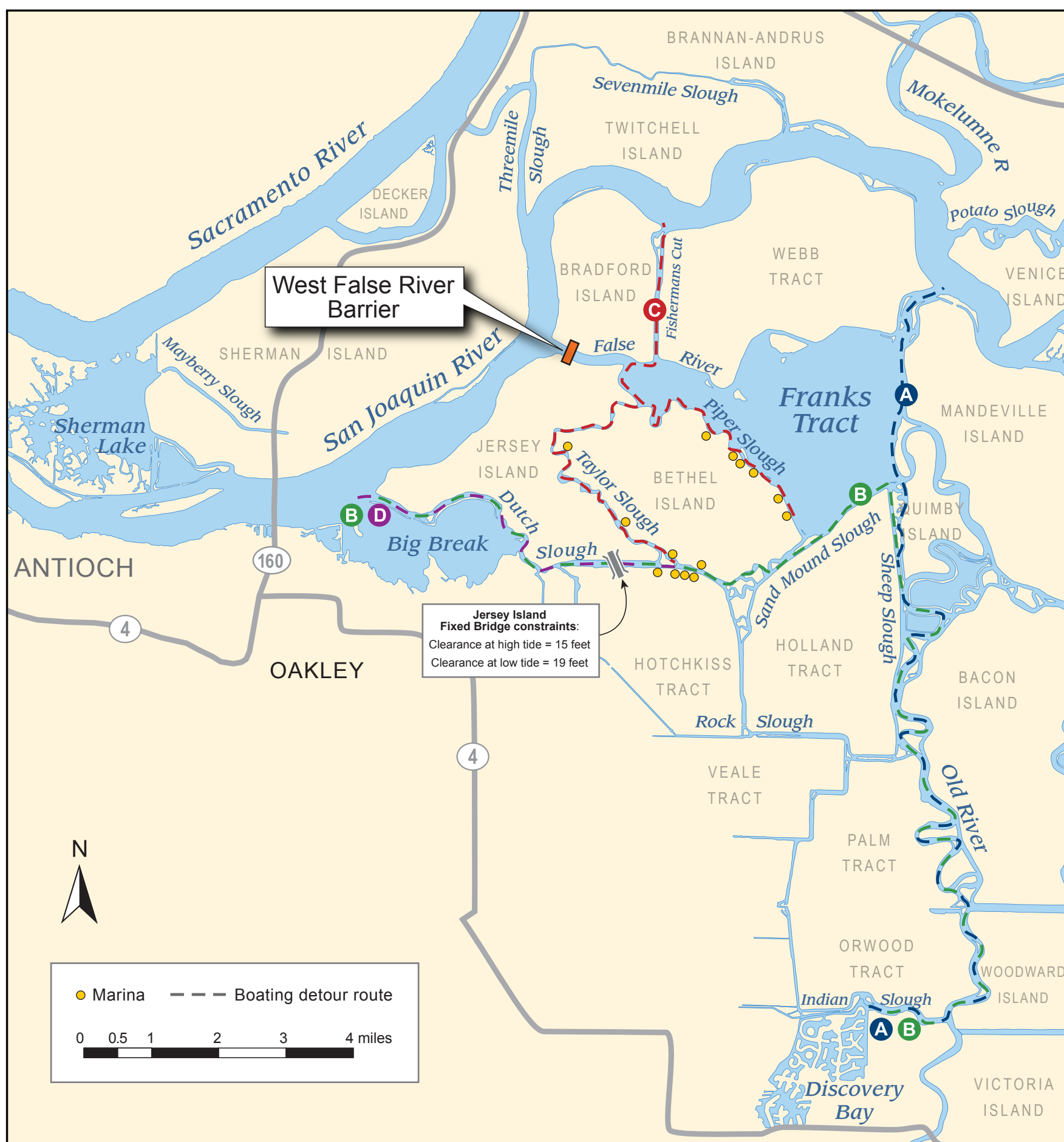
- A** **Route for large-mast vessels:** 40 to 45 minutes from Discovery Bay north to Old River keeping right at Frank's Tract going north up to the San Joaquin River (Deep Water Channel).
- B** **Route for smaller vessels:** 40-50 minutes from Discovery Bay north to Old River, west to Sand Mound Slough, west on Dutch Slough towards the San Joaquin River past Big Break (see note).

Travel Time Estimates – Central Delta (Bethel Island to San Joaquin River)

- C** 30 minutes from Taylor Slough or Piper Slough marinas north towards False River and north up Fishermans Cut.
- D** 30-40 minutes from Bethel Island marinas south to Sand Mound Slough, west on Dutch Slough towards the San Joaquin River past Big Break (see note).

Note: Maintain course as far north as possible in main channel of Dutch Slough going past Big Break.
5 mile-per-hour limit on both Sand Mound Slough and Dutch Slough.

Detours identified are subject to changes in natural flow conditions which are beyond the control of California Department of Water Resources.



More drought information is available at DWR's Drought webpage:
<https://water.ca.gov/Water-Basics/Drought>

