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Cold weather doesn't stop bridge work PWT anglers urged to watch for barge traffic

Bismarck— Work crews on the Liberty Memorial Bridge dressed more warmly, but kept right on working through this week's blast of cold weather. Construction progress continues without slowdown. "We pulled on a few more clothes, but that's it," said Lunda Construction Manager Joe Larson. Used to working in northern winter cold, Lunda work crews are scheduled to work through the winter, despite the weather.

On Friday, October 13, Professional Walleye Tournament participants are urged to beware of construction boat traffic at the work site. Barges will be moving back and forth, tugs and crew boats will also be in the work area that is marked with "no wake," and "restricted area" buoys. Officials at the site say that boaters have done a "great job of slowing down and respecting the work area."

On the east side, crews stripped the forms from pier 13 this week, revealing the first glimpse of the shape of piers to come. Forms were moved to the next set of piers on the east side (pier 14) to be ready for 43 cubic yards of concrete next week. Also next week, 212 cubic yards of concrete will be placed for columns at pier 8. Cold weather will not slow the progress of pouring the bottom half of the pier columns at pier 8. When the work is done, both piers 7 and 8 will be at similar steps of progress.

It's possible that by the end of next week, crews will backfill the base of pier 7. Once that is complete the sheet piling at the pier 7 coffer dam can be removed.

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