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Current Port, Maritime & Transportation Topics at the Port of Green Bay

Sen. Baldwin Visits ACE Marine, Celebrates New Ice Breaker Authorization

The authorization of \$350 million for a new Great Lakes Ice Breaker was celebrated by Senator Tammy Baldwin with a visit to Port of Green Bay terminal, ACE Marine. In the bipartisan Great Lakes Commerce Act, Senator Baldwin championed for the funds to build a new vessel with ice breaking abilities that would prolong the shipping season for the Port of Green Bay as well as other ports in Wisconsin and the Great Lakes.

According to The Lake Carriers Association, only 11 ice breaking vessels are in operation today on the Great Lakes, while in 1997 there were 20. The addition of a new ice breaker will support Wisconsin's already robust maritime economy, which supports nearly 7,500 jobs and generates \$1.4 billion in economic activity. Extension of the shipping season contributes to the economy, and also saves time and energy for shipping companies by eliminating delays due to ice conditions.

"The importance of ice breaking, particularly for the Port of Green Bay, has been highlighted in recent years by the need to ship petroleum products late into the shipping season. We've had petroleum products coming in this week with two more scheduled

trips before the shipping season wraps up. But it's not just about petroleum products. Early this month, a cement carrier bound for Green Bay encountered an 8-inch-thick plate of ice approximately 10-12 miles from the Port entrance and was delayed 3.5 hours," said Dean Haen, Director of the Port of Green Bay.



Left to right, Dean Haen, Senator Tammy Baldwin, Mike Koel, and James Weakley.

(Paraphrased from WBAY and www.baldwin.senate.gov)

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Upcoming Events:

- Feb 13- Harbor Commission Meeting 10:30am
- Mar 13 - Harbor Commission Meeting TBD

Port of Green Bay Shipping Season Closes Strong

The departure of the AlgoCanada from the Port of Green Bay on Wednesday, January 25 signaled the end of the Port's 2022 shipping season. Total cargo shipments into and out of the Port topped out at just over 1.75 million tons (1,765,834) for the season, a decrease of 10% from 2021.

"We had a good shipping season in 2021 and while we strive to reach two million tons a year, it's not always possible due to marketplace conditions," explained Dean Haen, Port of Green Bay Director. "Still, in the current economy, we're pleased with where things finished." Across the board, small decreases in almost all cargo types contributed to the slower 2022 shipping season.

During 2022, limestone was the top cargo, followed by cement, petroleum products, salt and coal. Total domestic imports of limestone decreased by 6% (529,311 tons) while foreign imports of limestone increased 11% (totaling 83,141 tons). Domestic imports of cement were down 17% to 341,725 tons. Domestic petroleum products exported increased by 36%, while domestic imports of petroleum products were down 46%. Domestic salt imports increased by 129% but were offset by a 48% decrease in foreign salt imports (for a total decrease of 18%). Domestic coal inbound increased by 22%, while liquid asphalt inbound increased by 121%.

"The one constant in shipping is change," stated Haen. "If you look back through the years, you see how commodities change depending on the marketplace or on the economy. For instance, in the early to mid 2000s, coal was a top commodity. Today, with low cost natural gas, there isn't as great of a demand."

Haen credits the Port's ability to remain one of the top economic drivers of the region to its adaptability and its focus on advocating for more diverse cargo. "Waterborne transportation, which is environmentally friendly, remains the lowest cost means of moving goods," he added. "So despite the current slowdown, we know things will begin to turn around and we look forward to the regional economy rebounding in 2023."

A total of 157 vessels moved through the Port of Green Bay this shipping season compared to 178 in 2021.

| CARGO | YTD 2022 |
|-------------------------------|------------------|
| DOMESTIC IMPORTS | |
| Ash | 0 |
| Calcium Chloride-Liq. Bulk | 0 |
| Cement | 341,725 |
| Coal | 193,178 |
| Fuel Oil | 0 |
| Gypsum | 0 |
| Limestone | 529,311 |
| Liquid Asphalt | 14,225 |
| Petroleum Coke | 0 |
| Petroleum Products | 67,980 |
| Pig Iron | 0 |
| Slag | 0 |
| U.S. Salt | 109,845 |
| TOTAL DOMESTIC | 1,256,264 |
| FOREIGN IMPORTS | |
| Asphalt | 0 |
| Carbon Anodes | 5,104 |
| Cement | 0 |
| Coal | 0 |
| Fuel Oil | 0 |
| Petroleum Products | 242,682 |
| Heavy Equipment | 0 |
| Limestone | 83,141 |
| Marble Chips | 0 |
| Pig Iron | 0 |
| Salt | 121,164 |
| Wood Pulp / Forest Products | 7,798 |
| TOTAL IMPORTS | 459,889 |
| DOMESTIC EXPORTS | |
| Aluminum Modules | 183 |
| Ash | 10,851 |
| Limestone | 0 |
| Petroleum Products | 38,647 |
| Pig Iron | 0 |
| Project Cargo | 0 |
| Sand | 0 |
| Steel | 0 |
| TOTAL DOMESTIC EXPORTS | 49,681 |
| FOREIGN EXPORTS | |
| Petroleum Products | 0 |
| Tallow | 0 |
| TOTAL EXPORTS | 0 |
| GRAND TOTALS | 1,765,834 |
| VESSEL COMPARISON | |
| Lakers | 133 |
| U.S. International | 0 |
| Foreign | 5 |
| Canada | 19 |
| Passenger/Cruise Ships | 2 |
| TOTALS | 157 |

\$10.1M MARAD PIDP Grant Awarded for Port Development Site

With the announcement of a \$10.1 million grant from the USDOT, through the Maritime Administration's Port Infrastructure Development Program, the Port of Green Bay has now secured a majority of the funding to transform the former Pulliam Power Plant property into a state-of-the-art port facility.

"This is great news for the Port and our regional economy," said Port Director Dean Haen. "This new Port facility at the mouth of the Fox River will generate jobs and economic activity that will be transformational for Green Bay and Northeast Wisconsin."

Brown County previously secured a \$15 million Neighborhood Investment Fund Program grant and a \$1.1 million Wisconsin Department of Transportation Harbor Assistance Program grant for the project. The County also allocated \$1.3 million in 2022 ARPA funds and \$2.6 million in 2023 ARPA funds towards the project. "We are very grateful for all of the support in favor of this federal grant," Haen added. "This is truly a once-in-a-lifetime opportunity for port operations."

Following acquisition of the property, an engineering firm began design work for the 40-acre port facility, including new dock walls, dredging, filling the old slip, a rail spur and stormwater management features and more to allow for movement of bulk cargo.

"For Northeast Wisconsin to be economically viable into the future we need to be continuously leveraging strategic assets to assure our competitiveness to bring in bulk commodities that support many industries and employ thousands of people," said Brown County Executive Troy Streckenbach. "Once again, Brown County competitively secured \$10 million by being united in our overall support of our Port of Green Bay."

Among the grant supporters were U.S. Sen. Tammy Baldwin, U.S. Rep. Michael Gallagher, Gov. Tony Evers, WisDOT Secretary Craig Thompson, State Senators Robert Cowles and Andre Jacque, State Representatives Elijah Behnke, Joel Kitchens, Kristina Shelton, David Steffen and Jim Steineke, as well as the New North, Greater Green Bay Chamber, other regional and national port and economic development agencies as well as a number of existing port terminal operators.

Haen noted that the design phase of the project is expected to be completed by the end of the year with construction beginning in 2024 and project completion in 2025. GLC Minerals has already committed to buying 9.7 acres of the parcel to expand its operations.



First Ship Contest 2023

Since 2006, the Port of Green Bay has hosted an annual First Ship Contest where we encourage people from across North America to participate. The previous shipping season in 2022 began with the arrival of the Michigan-Great Lakes (pictured right) on March 18th at 1:00 pm.



Credit: Chuck Zentmeyer

Discover Green Bay will once again host the First Ship Arrival contest. The person who comes closest to the actual date and time of the first ship's arrival will win an amazing prize package! This year's prize package will include a one-night stay at St. Brendan's Inn (Downtown Green Bay), a gift card for The Depot Green Bay, four admission tickets to the Neville Public Museum of Green Bay, a Port of Green Bay swag bag, a 200-year Anniversary Brown County Monopoly game, and a 2023 Big Ships of Green Bay Calendar by local ship watcher Chuck Zentmeyer.

The shipping season generally starts sometime after March 15th. Water conditions in other parts of the Great Lakes play a factor in determining when the shipping season will commence.

To enter your official guess of date and time, watch for the link coming in early-February on the Port of Green Bay website at www.portofgreenbay.com and Discover Green Bay's website at www.greenbay.com. Good Luck!

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