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SHIPMENTS SLOW IN MAY *Variances expected month to month*

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(Green Bay, WI) – The Port of Green Bay saw tonnage numbers drop in the month of May, which impacted total numbers for the 2016 shipping season. Overall, compared to the same two and a half month timeframe in 2015, tonnage in 2016 is down by 18%. (322,203 tons in 2016 compared to 392,326 tons in 2015)

“We did see a decrease in tonnage in May, but it’s not unusual to have month-to-month changes,” said Dean Haen, director for the Port of Green Bay. “This slower month comes after we posted very strong numbers in April. It’s still early in our shipping season, so we’re optimistic that the numbers will pick up again in the coming months.”

Shipments of certain commodities were actually up from last year, including domestic inbound and foreign imports of salt and foreign export of petroleum products. Declines in tonnage came in the areas of limestone and cement shipments.

Twenty-eight ships have come through the Port so far this year, which is seven less than the same time last year. However, Haen says that’s to be expected because of increasing water levels. “Deep water allows a single ship to carry more tonnage than usual, decreasing the number of ships needed,” he explained.

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The Port of Green Bay imported/exported 1.9 million tons of cargo in 2015 and has 14 active terminal operators involved in shipping commodities:

- ACE Marine, LLC
- C. Reiss Coal Company
- Construction Resources Management
- Flint Hills Resources
- Fox River Dock Company
- Georgia-Pacific Corporation
- Graymont
- GLC Minerals, LLC
- KK Integrated Logistics, Inc.
- Lafarge North America
- RGL
- Sanimax
- St. Mary’s Cement Company
- US Venture

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