

Total Tonnage Numbers Remain Steady in November

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(Green Bay, WI) – Tonnage numbers at the Port of Green Bay remained fairly steady in November, but there remains an overall 7 percent decrease in tonnage compared to the same time frame last year.

- Total tonnage in all categories for November 2016 was 1,747,683 tons compared to 1,875,062 tons in November 2015. (Categories include domestic inbound, foreign imports, domestic exports and foreign exports.)
- Petroleum products and limestone are the two commodities with year-over-year increases, while coal has a significant year-over-year decrease, and is largely the basis for the overall decrease in 2016 tonnage when compared to last year.

“We know the overall tonnage decline mainly has to do with a decrease in coal shipments,” said Dean Haen, Director of Brown County Port & Resource Recovery. “We’ve seen decreases for the past three years due to regulation and the low cost of natural gas.”

The Port shipping season ends when approximately eight inches of ice has developed in lower Green Bay. Typically, the Port closes between Christmas and New Year. With the exceptionally warm November weather this year, no ice has formed to date. Additionally, this year’s shipping season will extend through January, and maybe into February, with the U.S. Coast Guard set to break ice to allow for continuing shipments of petroleum products while the main pipeline that supplies our area is shut down. “That operation, coupled with expected import of additional salt and limestone in December, will help the overall 2016 numbers,” Haen explained. The Port’s ability to receive shipments of diesel and gasoline will help keep gas prices down in Green Bay and areas north.

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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