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Port n' News

WI GOVERNOR WALKER DECLARED PORTS WEEK SEPTEMBER 9-15, 2013

by WI Department of Transportation and Transportation Development Association

(MADISON, WI) – Governor Scott Walker proclaimed September 9 - 15 Wisconsin Ports Week. The Wisconsin Department of Transportation (WisDOT) and the Transportation Development Association of Wisconsin (TDA) teamed up to promote, educate and celebrate the network of ports that contribute to the state’s economy, environment and quality of life.

“Wisconsin is committed to improving waterborne commerce along our Great Lakes and the Mississippi River,” said Department of Transportation Secretary Mark Gottlieb. “Through our Harbor Assistance Program, the state has invested nearly \$113 million in more than 80 public and private port improvement projects since 1980. These projects add to the overall success of the state’s transportation network and keep Wisconsin’s economy moving forward.”

Each year, Wisconsin’s 29 commercial ports handle more than 40 million tons of cargo, valued at more than \$8 billion. In addition, they provide an important transportation alternative for the movement of goods, generate approximately \$1.6 billion in economic activity, and support almost 10,000 jobs. Ports are also used as hubs for passenger transportation (ferries) and for several recreational activities.

Key products moved through Wisconsin’s ports and waterways include coal, cement, limestone, asphalt, heavy machinery, wood products, metal materials and steel, bagged and canned cargo, wind energy components, and farm and agricultural products.

“Agriculture in Wisconsin is not only thriving, but growing in leaps and bounds, partially due to our water commerce capabilities,”

explained Tom Bressner, executive director of the Wisconsin Agri-Business Association. “Ports on Lake Michigan and Lake Superior export grains and oilseeds to Canada, and through the St. Lawrence Seaway, to key markets worldwide.

Our access to the Mississippi River allows grains, oilseeds and feed ingredients to be barged to world markets through the Gulf of Mexico, and allows crop fertilizers, micro-nutrients, and other agronomic inputs to efficiently enter Wisconsin.”

Water transportation is an efficient and environmentally responsible way to transport bulk commodities. A barge can move one ton of cargo more than 600 miles on a gallon of fuel. This is more miles than by rail (478 miles) or by truck (150 miles).



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CAT ISLAND NEARS COMPLETION

by Peter Cassell, U.S. EPA

(Green Bay, WI) – The U.S. Environmental Protection Agency, the U.S. Army Corps of Engineers, the U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service, the State of Wisconsin, and Brown County announced that they are wrapping up work on the foundation for the Cat Island chain restoration project in Lower Green Bay.

"Thanks to the Great Lakes Restoration Initiative – and our dedicated federal, state and local partners – the foundation for the Cat Island chain is almost finished," said Susan Hedman, EPA Region 5 Administrator and Great Lakes National Program Manager. "This foundation will serve as a barrier to shield wetlands that protect water quality in Green Bay and provide important habitat for wildlife."

When completed, the approximately \$20 million Cat Island project will restore three barrier islands and protect 1,400 acres surrounding Duck Creek, a Green Bay tributary. Dredge materials are being used to build the foundation for the islands. The foundation creates a barrier that provides immediate environmental benefits by protecting wetlands, promoting aquatic vegetation.

"This is a win-win situation for Green Bay Harbor and the Cat Island Chain Restoration as this project will be a model for dredge material management in the future," said Lt. Col. Robert Ells, District Engineer, U.S. Army Corps of Engineers, Detroit District. "At the Corps we are frequently looking for beneficial uses of dredge materials. In this case we will be providing a location for dredge material placement while restoring critical wetlands and creating an environmentally rich habitat for years to come."

"The U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service has supported this project for over two decades, serving on local planning committees and working with local stakeholders to implement the project," said Charlie Wooley, the Service's Midwest Regional Deputy Director. "The Cat Island project will restore an important part of Lower Green Bay. Thanks to the hard work and dedication of all the partners, this effort will provide important spawning, nursery, and rearing habitat for fish and other aquatic species."

"The Cat Island Chain Restoration Project is a great example of how dredging material can be re-purposed for the benefit of the environment and keep our port economically viable at the same time," said Brown County Executive Troy Streckenbach.

In 2010, EPA provided a \$1.5 million Great Lakes Restoration Initiative grant to Brown County to fund a portion of the construction of a 2.5-mile barrier in Lower Green Bay to serve as a foundation for the Cat Island restoration project. The U.S. Army Corps of Engineers provided \$12.5 million from the Great Lakes Restoration Initiative and the county and state provided some \$5.7 million in matching funds.



The Great Lakes Restoration Initiative was proposed by President Obama at the start of his first term. For more information about the Great Lakes Restoration Initiative, visit <http://www.glri.us/>.

(Left to Right) Dean Haen, Brown County Port & Resource Recovery; Troy Streckenbach, Brown County Executive; Susan Hedman, EPA Region 5 Administrator and Great Lakes National Program Manager; Charlie Wooley, US Fish & Wildlife Service's Midwest Regional Deputy Director; and Lt. Col. Robert Ells, District Engineer, U.S. Army Corps of Engineers, Detroit District.

CALENDAR OF EVENTS

HARBOR COMMISSION

October 14, 2013

Clarion Hotel @ 11:00am



HARBOR COMMISSION

November 11, 2013

Clarion Hotel @ 11:00am

PORT & SOLID WASTE TAKES NEW NAME

(Green Bay, WI) – The Brown County Port and Solid Waste Department has a new name. Now called Brown County Port and Resource Recovery Department, the change reflects a newly reorganized department.

“Our department has developed over the last few years and reorganizing will help increase our efficiency while creating a more flexible and cross-trained team to better deal with the department’s day-to-day responsibilities as well as continued growth,” stated Dean Haen, director of the department. Our two Facility Managers have taken on two different roles and titles; Chad Doverspike is now the Department’s Operations Manager and Mark Walter is the Business Development Manager.

Currently, the Department oversees the operations of the Port of Green Bay including harbor improvements such as dredging and works with terminal operators that import and export more than two million tons of cargo each year. “The Port has strong potential as the interest in waterborne transportation continues to increase,” Haen stated. “It’s a cost effective transportation alternative that is attractive to businesses.”

Port and Resource Recovery also oversees the solid waste disposal needs of the county including environmentally and economical methods such as recycling, material re-use and household hazardous waste disposal. “The Household Hazardous Waste facility has collected more than 10 million pounds of materials since the facility opened in 1996,” said Haen “As more county residents and businesses become aware of proper ways to dispose of certain materials, the demand for these services will increase.”

Overall Haen says the department name change is a positive move. “Changing the department name better reflects our mission statement and what we offer to communities and businesses in Brown County,” Haen said. “It better represents our current services and services we will be able to offer in the future.”

Learn more about the Port and Resource Recovery department at www.portofgreenbay.com and www.browncountyrecycling.org.

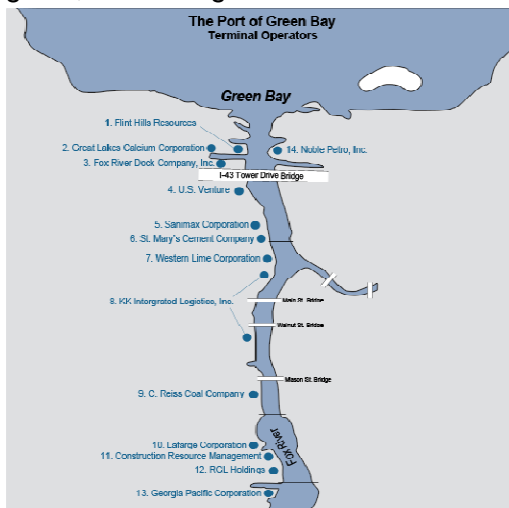
PORT TONNAGE NUMBERS KEEP CLIMBING

(Green Bay, WI) – July tonnage numbers are keeping the Port of Green Bay ahead of last year’s pace. Overall, tonnage for July was up nine percent when compared to July 2012 and year-to-date totals have the Port up 11 percent from last year.

“We saw an increase of about 22,000 metric tons of cargo in July,” said Dean Haen, Port and Resource Recovery Director. “Those increases came from salt, pig iron and cement.” Haen also says coal continues to be a large contributor to the increase in tonnage for the year. “Year to date, we have seen an eight percent increase which was not expected due to the low cost of natural gas,” Haen stated. “Each month of the shipping season has been healthy and keeping us on track to meet our yearly goals, which is good news for us and the economy.”

The Port of Green Bay has 14 active terminal operators involved in shipping commodities:

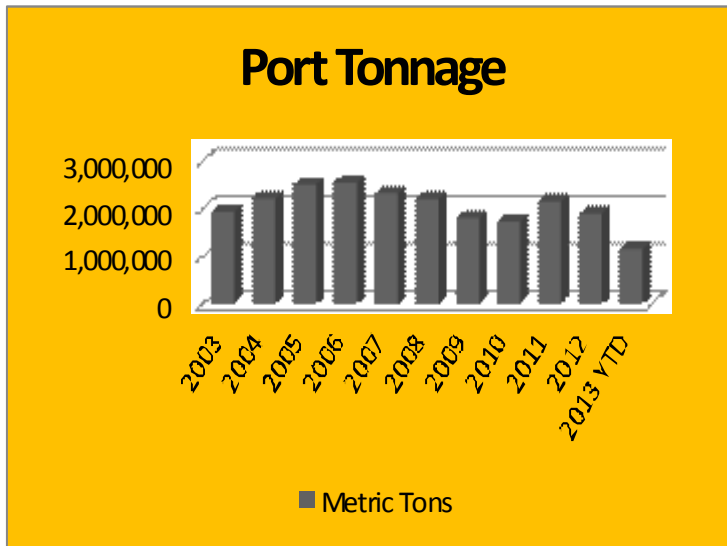
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| ◆ C. Reiss Coal Company | ◆ Lafarge North America |
| ◆ Construction Resource Management | ◆ Noble Petro Inc |
| ◆ Flint Hills Resources | ◆ RGL Holdings |
| ◆ Fox River Dock Company | ◆ Sanimax |
| ◆ Georgia-Pacific Corporation | ◆ St. Mary’s Cement Company |
| ◆ Great Lakes Calcium Corporation | ◆ US Venture |
| ◆ KK Integrated Logistics, Inc. | ◆ Western Lime Corporation |



AUGUST PORT TONNAGE SUMMARY

The 2013 shipping season is more than half-way over having started slightly late due to a late winter. Vessel operators waited for the Coast Guard to break the ice so vessels could transit into Green Bay.

Total tonnage is up 2% this year (through August) from the shipping season in 2012 (through August). The biggest increase is the foreign import of Salt (up 176%).



| CARGO | YTD 2013 | 2012 |
|------------------------------|------------------|------------------|
| Domestic Imports | | |
| Cement (-10%) | 182,294 | 203,627 |
| Coal (-11%) | 254,637 | 284,940 |
| Gypsum (+100%) | 5,041 | 0 |
| Limestone (-8%) | 317,268 | 343,984 |
| Liquid Asphalt (-100%) | 0 | 12,356 |
| Petroleum Coke (+100%) | 14,934 | 0 |
| U.S. Salt (+163%) | 114,005 | 43,358 |
| Total Domestic (0%) | 888,179 | 888,266 |
| Foreign Imports | | |
| Petroleum Products (-100%) | 0 | 6,944 |
| Pig Iron (-16%) | 4,321 | 5,116 |
| Salt (+176%) | 212,074 | 76,726 |
| Total Foreign (144%) | 216,395 | 88,786 |
| Domestic Exports | | |
| Ash (+100%) | 4,706 | 0 |
| Petroleum Products (-3%) | 45,256 | 46,844 |
| Total Domestic (+7%) | 49,962 | 46,844 |
| Foreign Exports | | |
| Petroleum Products (-100%) | 0 | 106,465 |
| Total Foreign (-100%) | 0 | 106,465 |
| TOTAL TONNAGE (+2%) | 1,154,537 | 1,130,360 |
| Vessels (-4%) | 97 | 101 |

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