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CAT ISLAND RESTORATION TAKES THE SPOTLIGHT AT GREAT LAKES MEETING

(Green Bay, WI) Representatives from several federal and Great Lakes state agencies learned about the economic and environmental benefits of the Cat Island Restoration project at the annual meeting of the Great Lakes Dredging Team on June 3-4 in Green Bay. The main focus of the meeting was on dredging-related issues facing the Great Lakes.

“The Great Lakes are so valuable for both commercial and recreational use,” said Brown County Port & Resource Recovery director, Dean Haen. “Dredging keeps shipping channels, ports, marinas and harbors clear and at proper depths so everyone can use the waterways responsibly. Disposal and storage of dredged material, however, continues to be a concern. This meeting brought together all the stakeholders together to discuss the challenges and possible solutions.”

A portion of the meeting will focus on the Cat Island restoration project currently underway. The restoration involves rebuilding the deteriorating chain of three islands using clean dredged material from the Port of Green Bay harbor. When completed, the project will have helped protect and restore about 1,200 acres of shallow water and wetland habitat, while providing storage space for dredged materials for the next 50 years..

“Dredging is a challenge, but we’ve figured out how to make dredging and dredge material placement an opportunity,” said Haen. “This was a great opportunity to show other states the Port of Green Bay’s innovative solutions that meet economic initiatives and derive environmental benefits.”

In addition to discussing Cat Island, the meeting also focused on the beneficial use of clean dredged material and the U.S. Army Corps of Engineers Great Lakes Dredging Program for 2015-2016.



Cat Island

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NEW BI-NATIONAL PUBLIC AFFAIRS PROGRAM ANNOUNCED

(Green Bay, WI) The American Great Lakes Ports Association in partnership with the Lake Carriers' Association, Fednav Limited, and the Saint Lawrence Seaway Development Corporation have jointly sponsored a new bi-national public affairs program called The Great Lakes Seaway Partnership.

The Great Lakes Seaway Partnership brings together leading U.S. and Canadian maritime organizations working to enhance public understanding of the benefits of commercial shipping in the Great Lakes Seaway region of North America. The organization will manage an education-focused communications program, sponsor research, and work closely with media, policy makers, community groups, allied industries, environmental stakeholders, and the general public to highlight the positive attributes of marine transportation.

Mark W. Barker, President of The Interlake Steamship Company, and Chairman of the new program Board of Directors said: "We are pleased to launch this new initiative that looks at the big-picture perspective of the Great Lakes Seaway System and serves as a platform to discuss the economic, environmental and safety benefits of this shared waterway for national, bi-national and international trade. While the program does not have an advocacy agenda, we anticipate the program will engage our stakeholders by providing them with industry news, results of reports and studies, and opportunities for them to understand – in a very real way – the impact Great Lakes Seaway shipping has on the economies of both the U.S. and Canada."

A new website features sections dedicated to the program's three key messages – Economy, Environment, and Safety – as well as facts and figures about the eight Great Lakes states and two Canadian provinces. There is also a section which serves as a primer about Great Lakes Seaway shipping. Latest news about ports, shipping companies, industry associations and programs are omnipresent on each page. Users of the site are encouraged to sign up to be added to the Partnership's mailing list.

Laura M. Blades will serve as the Director of Public Affairs and can be reached at 202-558-5123 (office) or 301-956-5391 (cell). The Great Lakes Seaway Partnership website can be found at: www.greatlakesseaway.org. You can also follow the Partnership on Twitter @GLSPartnership.



ANOTHER GOOD MONTH KEEPS PORT ON TRACK

(Green Bay, WI) – Thanks to strong shipments of cement, coal and salt, the Port of Green Bay’s tonnage numbers for May were positive, putting year to date totals 23 percent ahead of last year’s pace.

“The Port also saw a big increase in domestic exports of petroleum products such as diesel, gasoline and ethanol, which is a new occurrence for us,” said Dean Haen, director for the Port of Green Bay. “This is exactly what the Port needs to meet or exceed 2014 tonnage numbers, which were our highest numbers since 2007.”



St. Marys Conquest primarily delivers cement to St. Marys Cement

A total of 24 ships came through the Port in May, the same number as in 2014.

Haen says he’s pleased with the first few months of the shipping season. “It’s still early and we are seeing a healthy amount of traffic which means the demand for raw materials is strong,” said Haen. “Transporting cargo through the Port shows that using waterborne transportation continues to be a valuable asset to businesses.”

The Port of Green Bay has 15 active terminal operators involved in shipping commodities including:

- 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 American
- Noble Petro Inc.
- RGL
- Sanimax
- St. Marys Cement Company
- US Venture

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2015 ANNUAL WCPA MEETING

(Milwaukee, WI) - The Port of Milwaukee will host the annual 2015 Wisconsin Commercial Ports Association (WCPA) Meeting at the Port of Milwaukee. The meeting is a two day event on Thursday August 27th and Friday August 28th. The meeting will provide a great opportunity to gather and exchange information on current issues concerning Wisconsin commercial ports. The Annual WCPA Meeting is by invitation only and advanced registration is required.

Port of Milwaukee



CALENDAR OF EVENTS

2015 ANNUAL WCPA MEETING

August 27th - 28th, 2015

Port of Milwaukee

HARBOR COMMISSION

July 20, 2015

Port & Resource Recovery Department @ 10:30 a.m.



HARBOR COMMISSION

August 10, 2015

Port & Resource Recovery Department @ 10:30 a.m.

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