



## Year-to-date tonnage up 20% at Port of Green Bay

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(Green Bay, Wis.) – A very good shipping season at the [Port of Green Bay](#) continues, with a 20% increase in year-to-date tonnage after 267,978 tons were moved in July (compared to the same timeframe in 2018). That brings the year-to-date total to almost a million tons, at exactly 983,703 tons.

Positive contributors to the increase included a 58% rise in limestone domestic imports and a 43% rise in coal domestic imports. Foreign imports of salt and wood pulp/forest products and foreign exports of petroleum products increased by 37%, 39% and 61% respectively. On the other end, domestic exports of limestone, petroleum projects and project cargo were all down compared to this time last year.

“We’re seeing extremely high water levels across all of the Great Lakes right now,” said Port Director Dean Haen. “July water levels for Lake Michigan tied a record July high from 1986. One of the results of this high water is the ability to move more cargo. For each additional inch of water in the Port of Green Bay, another 100 tons of cargo can be added to ships importing or exporting important commodities.” Haen goes on to say that while the higher water is good for shipping, ports are well aware there can be downsides. “Like everyone else on the Great Lakes, we know the high water can impact landowners and the shoreline; so we’re carefully monitoring the situation.”

So far this year, 76 vessels have moved through the Port of Green Bay, four more than the same time last year.

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**About the Port of Green Bay:** The Port of Green Bay exists to enhance the prosperity of the people of Northeast Wisconsin by providing facilities and infrastructure able to effectively and efficiently move commodities and goods across the nation. As the western-most port of Lake Michigan, the Port of Green Bay offers a direct route for shipping from the Midwest to the rest of the world. The Port of Green Bay has 14 active terminal operators located along three miles of the Fox River involved in shipping commodities: Ace Marine, C. Reiss Coal Company, Construction Resources Management, Flint Hills Resources, Fox River Terminals, Georgia-Pacific, Graymont, GLC Minerals, KK Integrated Logistics, Lafarge Northern America, RGL, Sanimax, St. Mary’s Cement and U.S. Venture.

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