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PORT OF GREEN BAY REPORTS HIGHEST THREE-YEAR TOTALS SINCE LATE 70'S

(Green Bay) – After seeing two years of significant increases in tonnage, the Port of Green Bay reported yet another year of growth for 2006. Port Manager Dean Haen says “any increase in tonnage from 2005 is remarkable, considering Wisconsin Public Service Corporation was able to bring in all their western coal by train.

During 2006, the Port received 2,537,522 metric tons of cargo; an overall increase of 29,490 tons (+1%) when compared to 2005. The 2005 season was 13% higher than 2004 and 2004 was 16% higher than 2003. Overall the port tonnage has increased 51% since 2000.

<u>Year</u>	<u>Tonnage</u>	<u>% change</u>
2000	1,671,274	
2001	1,962,157	+7%
2002	1,866,867	- 5%
2003	1,943,649	+ 4%
2004	2,216,243	+16%
2005	2,508,032	+13%
2006	2,537,522	+ 1%

“In fact, this is the highest three-year total port tonnage since 1978 to 1980.” Haen said. The increase in tonnage is directly attributable to the health of our local manufacturing and construction economy and its demand for raw materials such as coal, limestone, cement, salt and forest products.

The Port's domestic and foreign imported cargo consisted of cement, coal, limestone, liquid asphalt, salt, liquid bulk, forest products and pig iron. The largest domestic increases in tonnage were in limestone and cement (+11%). The largest foreign increases in tonnage were in fuel oil (+748%), salt (+146%) and pig iron (+23%).

Haen said the local economy is strong and cargo diversification efforts are resulting in significantly higher port tonnages than in the past. "Waterborne transportation is the most cost-effective, environmentally sound, and the safest mode of transportation" Haen said. As congestion on our rails and roads continue, the Port of Green Bay hopes to benefit as businesses switch to waterborne transportation. He also indicated that Brown County hopes to continue to economically develop the Port of Green Bay by making additional harbor improvements to meet our future economy's business and transportation needs.

Brown County Harbor Commission President Neil McKloskey announced today that the Port of Green Bay has concluded the 2006 shipping season. Although with the continuing warm weather and lack of ice conditions the Port of Green Bay remains open.

The first ship of the 2006 shipping-season arrived on March 23, 2006. The Kaye E. Barker arrived at the Fox River Dock Company with 17,000 tons of coal from KCBX in South Chicago. The season unofficially ended with the departure of the Alpena from LaFarge Corporation delivering cement on January 2, 2007. The St. Lawrence Seaway officially closed December 30, 2006.

The number of ship arrivals in 2006 was 213 compared to 233 ship arrivals in 2005; a 9% decrease in the number of ships. The decrease can be attributable to fewer foreign vessels and the use of larger Canadian and U.S. Lakers.