



ARANSAS COUNTY NAVIGATION DISTRICT

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Commercial Fishing



Other

Established in 1925, the Aransas County Navigation District (ACND) manages over 1,900 acres of maritime and recreational facilities in Texas, including harbors, boat ramps, fishing piers, and Rockport Beach, with direct access to the Gulf Intracoastal Waterway (GIWW). Dedicated to serving industry alongside conserving and developing the area’s natural resources, the ACND enhances the community’s connection to water-based activities and commerce by ensuring the navigability of inland and coastal waterways.

Port Priorities & Opportunities

The ACND is currently prioritizing critical infrastructure updates to address the pressing needs of Cove Harbor, its industrial hub. Key projects include enhancing area lighting to improve safety for the increased traffic from booming industrial activities and the significant growth experienced in Rockport and Aransas County. Additionally, the aging bulkheads, some over 60 years old, urgently require replacement to prevent potential catastrophic failure that could impact the harbor’s operations and the local environment. These improvements are essential not only for retaining the businesses that have chosen ACND as their base but also for attracting new commerce, thereby supporting “head of household” jobs crucial for the local economy.

Opportunity-wise, ACND is poised to capitalize on the multifaceted use of its harbors to stimulate local tourism and economic development. Rockport Harbor and Rockport Beach, often voted the #1 beach in Texas, presents a significant opportunity for enhancing public events, art festivals, and market days, thereby increasing its cultural and recreational appeal. Meanwhile, Fulton Harbor’s dual role in supporting both commercial and sport fishing activities offers a unique chance to diversify Aransas County’s maritime activities further.

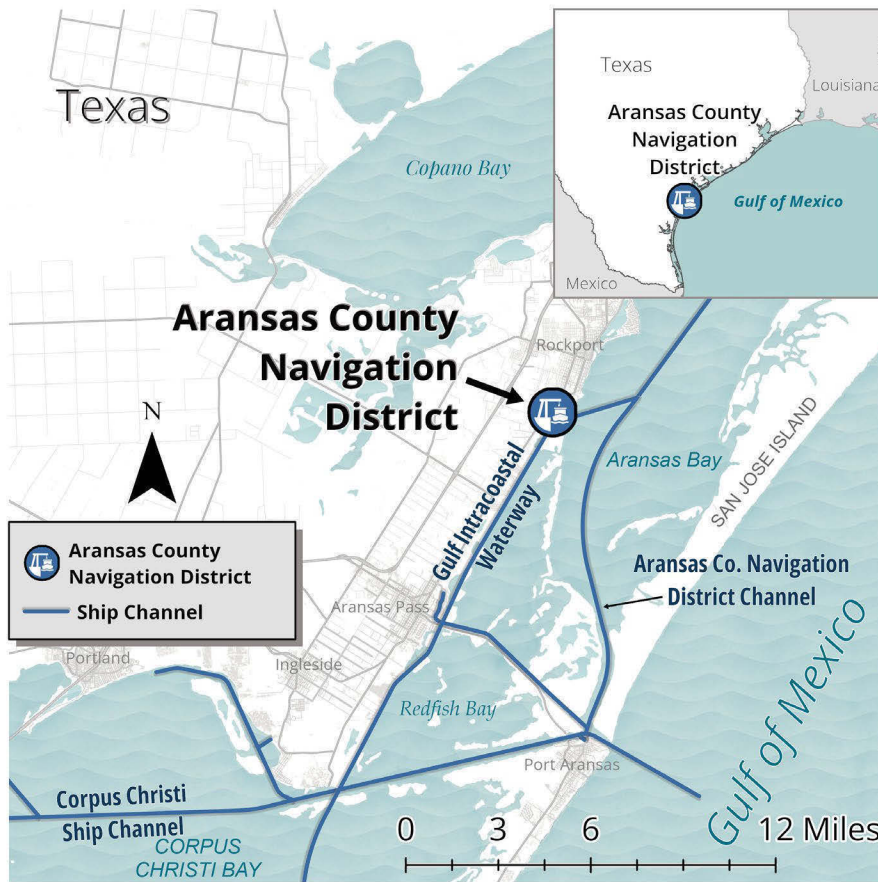


Port Projects

Project Name	Project Type	Total Project Cost
Cove Harbor Bulkhead	Maritime Infrastructure	\$15.0 Million
Rockport Harbor Bulkheads	Maritime Infrastructure	\$3.0 Million

Costs provided by port/navigation district



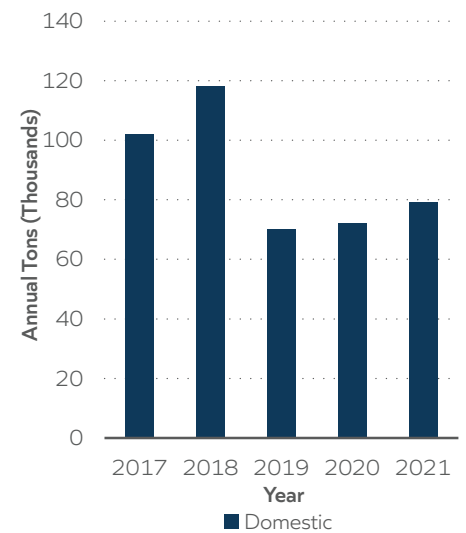


CARGO CONNECTIONS

Top Commodities

- Petroleum & Petroleum Products
- Crude Materials
- Primary Manufactured Goods

Tonnage



Tonnage data from USACE Waterborne Commerce Statistics Center, 2024

PORT FACILITIES

HARBORS

- Rockport Harbor
- Fulton Harbor
- Cove Harbor

BOAT RAMP

- Copano Bay Boat Ramp

PARKS

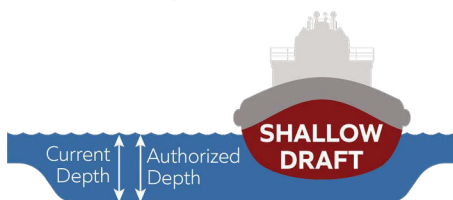
- Rockport Beach
- Veteran's Memorial Park

SHIP CHANNEL

Ship Channel Name: Aransas County Navigation Channel

Current Depth: ~9 ft

Authorized Depth: N/A



INTERMODALITY

ROAD

- Highway access to US 59, US 87, SH 35, and SH 172

RAIL

- N/A

BARGE

- Direct Access to GIWW

AIR

- 38 miles to Corpus Christi International Airport
- Nearby regional airports

Rockport Beach
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