



CALHOUN PORT AUTHORITY

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Commercial Fishing



Bulk



Energy



Break Bulk

Established in 1965, the Calhoun Port Authority supports the Texas mid-coast’s access to global markets, catering to the chemical manufacturing industry. It handles diverse cargoes like high-value chemicals, petrochemicals, crude oil, and fertilizers for international export. Its dock accommodates carriers up to 750 feet, utilizing the Matagorda Ship Channel and the Gulf Intracoastal Waterway (GIWW), that are vital for Calhoun County’s economy and the commercial fishing industry.

Port Priorities & Opportunities

Over the last few years, Calhoun Port Authority has been focusing on expanding its market reach and capabilities, significantly influenced by partnerships and development projects that promise to enhance its operational scale. Notably, the introduction of a 1.5 million-ton per annum capacity through the involvement of the PTB Group of Texas, alongside the conceptualization of moving toward unit train shipments, marks a strategic shift toward increasing the port’s bulk handling capabilities. These developments, aimed at facilitating larger and more efficient cargo movements, underscore the port’s commitment to evolving with industry demands and logistical advancements. Challenges such as the need for rail improvements and the resolution of congestion issues at critical intersections like SH 35/FM 1593 persist, indicating a continued focus on enhancing inland connectivity to support this growth.

In anticipation of future growth, the port is methodically planning the phased development of the South Peninsula, focusing on expanding liquid dock facilities. Additionally, proposed maritime infrastructure projects like shoreline bulkheading underscore a commitment to operational and environmental resilience. With the planned ship channel widening and deepening, the port is poised to support new cargo opportunities, aligning its development trajectory with regional economic aspirations and the maritime industry’s evolving needs.

ECONOMIC IMPACT



Annual Truck Traffic

34,000



Direct Jobs

3,800



Annual Port Revenues

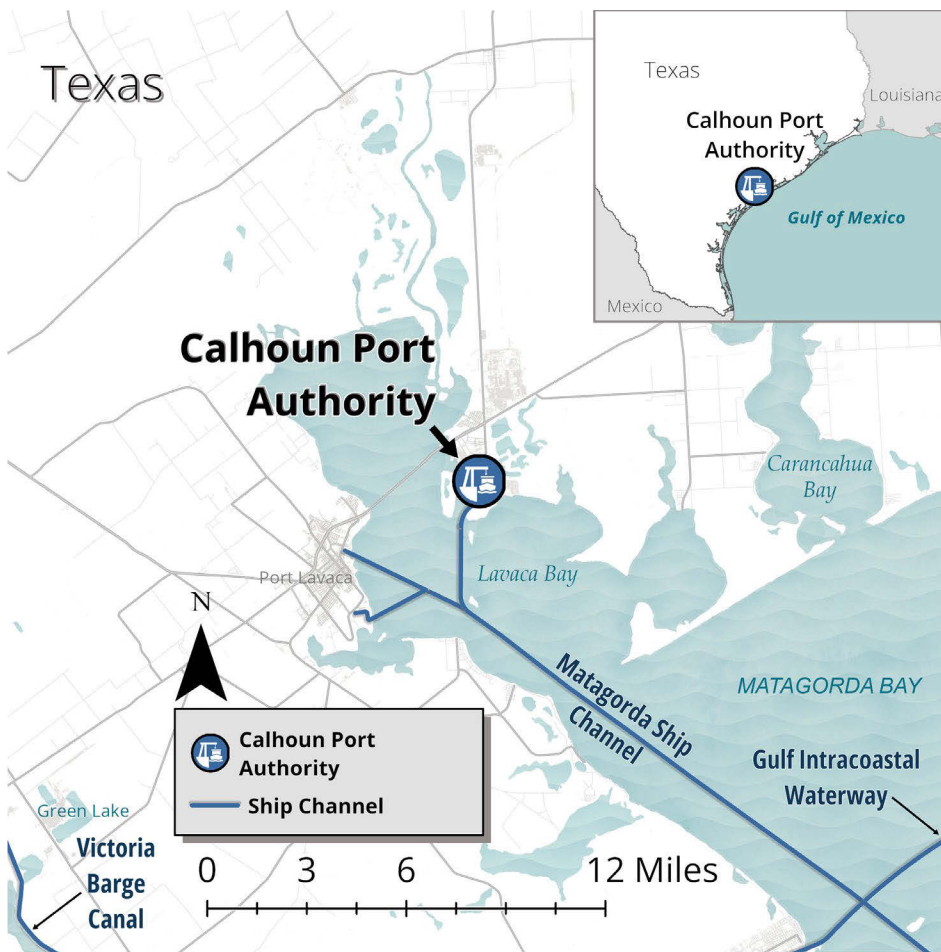
\$2 Billion

Port Projects

Project Name	Project Type	Total Project Cost
General Cargo Dock- Impact Breasting Dolphin Replacement	Maritime Infrastructure	\$817,200
General Cargo Dock - Dock Pile Encapsulation	Maritime Infrastructure	\$541, 256
New Barge Fleeting Area	Maritime Infrastructure	\$24.0 Million
South Peninsula Development Liquid Dock 1	Maritime Infrastructure	\$48.0 Million
South Peninsula Development Liquid Dock 2	Maritime Infrastructure	\$80.4 Million
South Peninsula Development Liquid Dock 3	Maritime Infrastructure	\$51.6 Million
Jetty Deficiency	Ship Channel	\$90.0 Million
Matagorda Ship Channel Improvement Project	Ship Channel	\$525 Million

Costs provided by port/navigation district





CARGO CONNECTIONS

Top Commodities

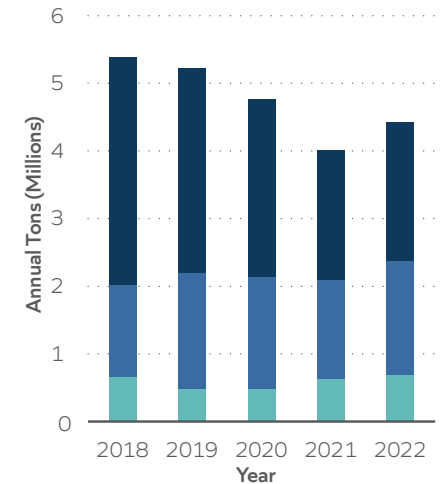
EXPORTS

- Fertilizer & Chemicals
- Petroleum & Petroleum Products
- All Manufactured Equipment, Machinery and Products

IMPORTS

- Fertilizers & Chemicals
- Primary Manufactured Goods
- All Manufactured Equipment, Machinery and Products
- Petroleum & Petroleum Products

Tonnage



Tonnage data from USACE Waterborne Commerce Statistics Center, 2024

PORT FACILITIES

DOCKS & WHARVES

- 3 liquid cargo docks
- 1 dry bulk dock
- 1 cargo dock
- 1 multi-purpose dock
- 1 barge fleeting dock

CARGO HANDLING

- Multiple liquid cargo loading arms
- Pipe rack capabilities
- Spiral dry bulk conveyor unloading tower
- Cargo outloading conveyor

SHIP CHANNEL

Ship Channel Name: Matagorda Ship Channel

Current Depth: 38 ft

Authorized Depth: 47 ft

Projects: Matagorda Ship Channel Improvement Project

INTERMODALITY

ROAD

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

RAIL

- Point Comfort & Northern Railway short line railroad to Union Pacific

BARGE

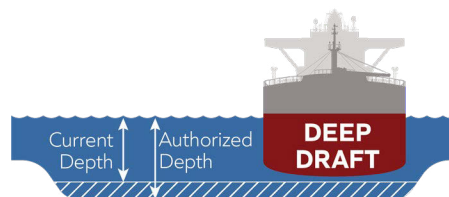
- 19-mile sailing distance to GIWW

AIR

- Nearby regional airports

PIPELINE

- Connections available



Commercial Fishing

- 2 million pounds of landings worth \$5.4 million in 2018

Commercial fishing data from NOAA, 2019