



PORT of PALACIOS

Matagorda County Navigation District No. 1

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Commercial
Fishing

The Port of Palacios is a multi-use, shallow draft commercial and recreational port. Formed in 1940 to promote commercial and recreational fishing, the Port of Palacios maintains a navigable waterway while protecting the coastal environment. Shrimping has been a signature market in the Palacios region since 1922. The port also provides safe harbor for boats traversing the Gulf Intracoastal Waterway to Palacios.

Port Priorities & Opportunities

At the Port of Palacios, the markets have remained focused on the leasing docks to its commercial shrimping fleet and servicing regional ferries, with an anticipated uptick in barge traffic to bring in heavy pre-fabricated components. The port has been grappling with connectivity issues, notably the constraints posed by narrow bridges on SH 35 and the need for wider roads to accommodate truck traffic.

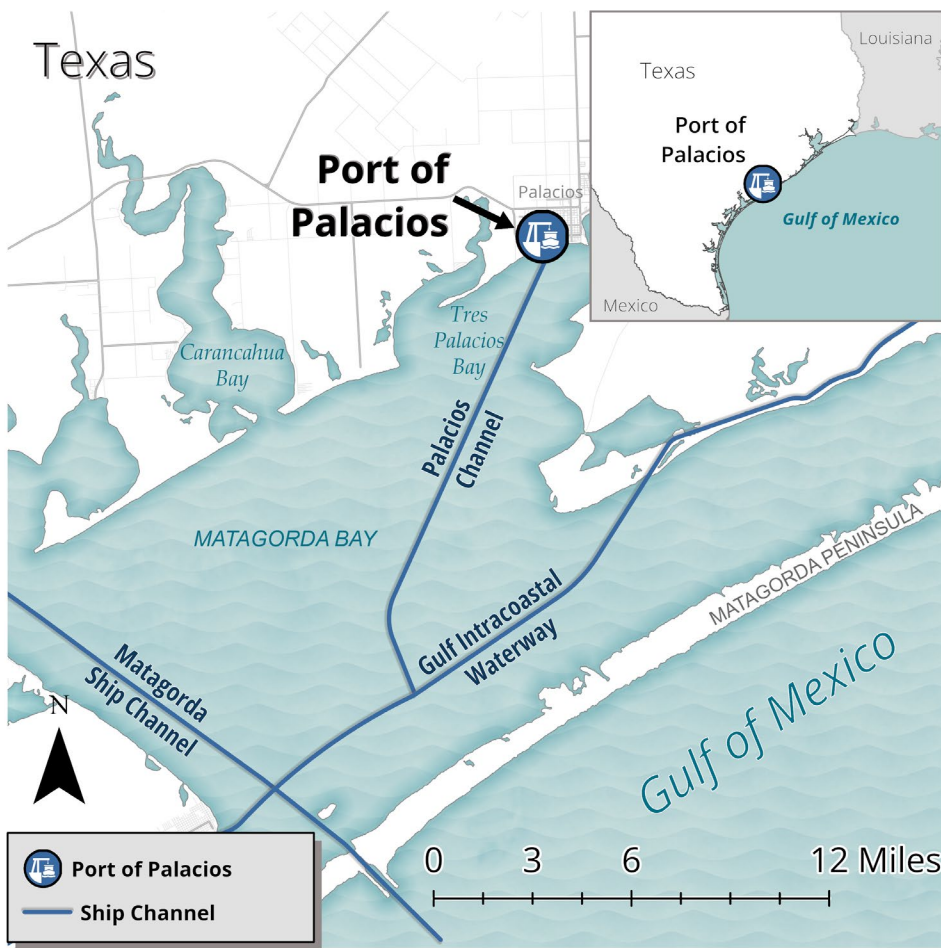
The port is seeking \$28 million for a dock hardening project, primarily for infrastructure improvements like bulkhead construction. Additionally, the port has been awarded a MARAD grant for dock rehabilitation benefiting the commercial fishing sector with an expected cost of \$13 million. For ship channel improvements, there are plans for spot dredging as needed, as well as a feasibility study for the deepening and widening of Palacios Channel, which is federally authorized but yet unfunded.

Port Projects

Project Name	Project Type	Total Project Cost
South Harbor Bulkhead Reconstruction	Maritime Infrastructure	\$28.0 Million
Port of Palacios Channel Deepening and Widening Feasibility Study	Ship Channel	\$3.0 Million

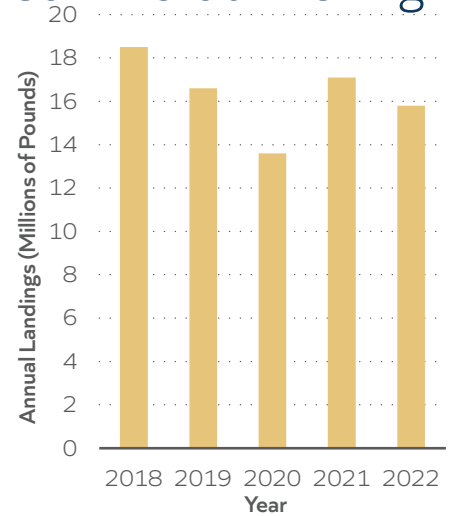
Costs provided by port/navigation district





CARGO CONNECTIONS

Commercial Fishing



Commercial fishing data from NOAA, 2023

Port of Palacios Recreational Amenities Include:

- Gated Facility
- Water & electricity available
- Shower facility
- Public boat ramp
- Voted "Best Sailing Bay" in Texas
- Great fishing year-round
- Bait Available
- Local restaurants & lodging

PORT FACILITIES

DOCKS & WHARVES

- 6 cargo docks
- Over 900 acres of land for lease
- Two shipyards for repair, retrofit, fabrication, and dry dock

EMERGING MARKETS

- Bulk cargo transportation
- Manufacturing and fabrication of tugboats and barges

PALACIOS FISHING HARBOR

- 200-boat shrimp fleet
- 12,500 ft of bulkhead dock

SHIP CHANNEL

Ship Channel Name: Palacios Channel

Current Depth: 14 ft

Authorized Depth: 14 ft

INTERMODALITY

ROAD

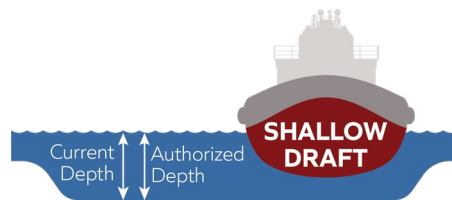
- Highway connection to SH 35

BARGE

- 16-mile sailing distance to GIWW (M-10, M-69)

AIR

- 2.5 miles from Palacios Municipal Airport



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