



PORT of PORT ISABEL

Port Isabel-San Benito Navigation District
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Commercial Fishing



Ro/Ro



Energy



Break Bulk



Other

The Port of Port Isabel is a deep water port that was established in 1929 to serve the construction, agricultural produce, and oil and gas production industries. The port is located just 4.5 miles from the South Padre Island jetties and shipped upwards of 30,000 tons in 2020 to domestic destinations. The port is also home to a shrimp dock and serves a thriving commercial shrimping fleet.

Port Priorities & Opportunities

The Port of Port Isabel has actively engaged in significant developmental activities, with notable advancements in connectivity and maritime infrastructure aimed at enhancing its operational efficiency and market reach. Recently, the port has pivoted towards servicing the burgeoning fuel market in Mexico, a strategic shift that includes barging fuel and potentially increasing its throughput to accommodate larger volumes, highlighted by an already existing traffic of 42,000 barrels per transport. This expansion aligns with a broader regional development, underscored by a massive \$18.9 billion project at the neighboring Port of Brownsville, which predicts an influx of barge traffic and large-scale industrial commitments. Additionally, the port's leadership has sought federal assistance via a MARAD grant to develop an 8-acre marina to facilitate larger vessels and enhance support for offshore wind components and security operations. This development is poised to bolster the port's role as a pivotal node in the regional maritime logistics network.

The Port of Port Isabel is focusing on enhancing its local connectivity to support the increased industrial activity. The port has already benefited from a Seaport Connectivity Program grant, which facilitated significant improvements to Port Road, essential for the only access route into the port. These improvements are crucial as the port anticipates continued heavy construction traffic from nearby projects, including two LNG facilities employing over 7,000 workers, which will likely strain local infrastructure over the next decade. Additionally, the port is planning the development of a strategically important marina to accommodate 200-foot vessels, with about 30 vessels capacity, primarily to support state and federal operations and the growing offshore wind energy sector.

ECONOMIC IMPACT



Annual Truck Traffic

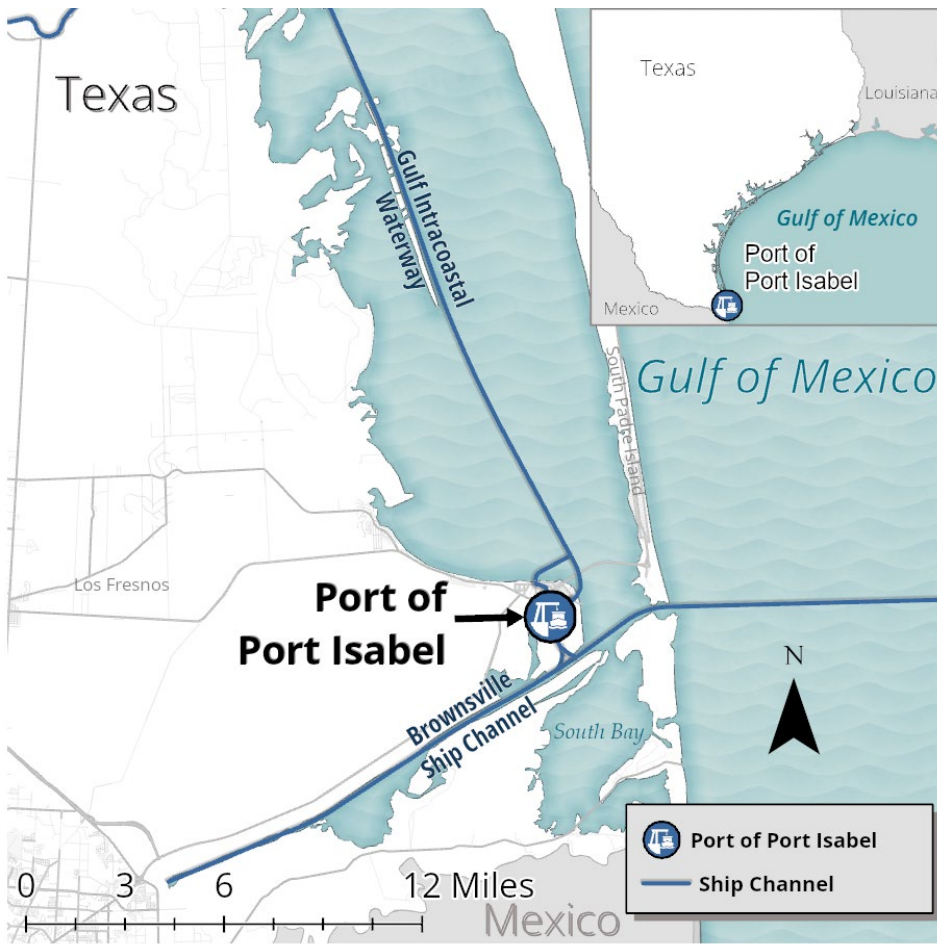
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Direct Jobs

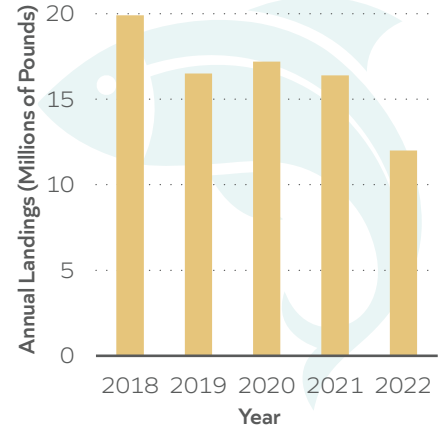
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CARGO CONNECTIONS

Commercial Fishing



Commercial fishing data from NOAA, 2023 and includes both Port of Port Isabel and Port of Brownsville.

Port Isabel is one of the southernmost ports in Texas.



PORT FACILITIES

DOCKS & WHARVES

- 1,150 deep water docks
- 2,100 deep water frontage
- Shrimp dock

CARGO HANDLING

- 45 acres available for lease
- Extensive alongside repairs for large vessels
- Roll on/off wharf-to-ship capabilities

SHIP CHANNEL

Ship Channel Name: Port Isabel Channel

Current Depth: 36 ft

Authorized Depth: 36 ft

INTERMODALITY

ROAD

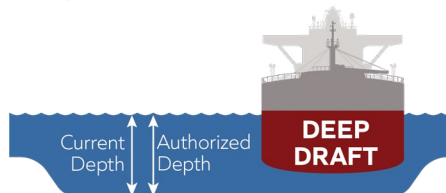
- Highway connections to SH 100 and SH 48

BARGE

- Direct access to GIWW (M-10, M-69)

AIR

- 38 miles to Valley International Airport (HRL)



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