

# GREATER LAFOURCHE PORT COMMISSION



**LOCATION** – Port Fourchon, Louisiana’s southern most Port, is located on the Gulf of Mexico about a mile and a half inland via Belle Pass. It can be accessed via Louisiana Highway 1. Inland waterway access is provided by Bayou Lafourche, which connects to the U.S. Gulf Intracoastal Waterway (GIWW) approximately 37 miles north of Port Fourchon.

**ORGANIZATION** – The Greater Lafourche Port Commission was created by Act 222 of the 1960 Louisiana Legislature, through the vision of the late Senator A.O. Rappaport. It is tasked with regulating waterborne trade and commerce within its jurisdiction, which is the tenth ward of Lafourche Parish, stretching from the GIWW in Larose, LA to the southern limits of Lafourche Parish. The Port Commission is a 9-member elected commission; the only elected Port Commission in the state of Louisiana. The seats are at-large, meaning there is no specific district associated with any of them. All 9 seats are re-elected at the same time, every 6 years.

## PORT COMMISSIONERS

Ervin Bruce	Perry Gisclair	Jimmy Lafont
Harris “Chuckie” Cheramie, Jr.	Larry Griffin	John J. Melancon
Wilbert Collins	Jimmy Guidry	Donald Vizier

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**PRIMARY CARGOES** – Port Fourchon is the intermodal support base for over half of the domestic oil and gas activity in the U.S. Gulf of Mexico, the Louisiana Offshore Oil Port (LOOP), substantial commercial fishing interests as well as significant recreational activities. Equipment, supplies, personnel, and services needed to sustain the oil and gas activities in the Gulf come into the Port by truck, inland barge, or sea-going vessel and are shipped to offshore facilities by helicopter, supply vessel, or other specialized vessel. Several Port facilities possess heavy lift capabilities. Pipe, drilling fluids, energy exploration and production equipment,

personnel and energy services are among the most common cargoes handled.

**OVERALL ANNUAL TONNAGE (2008)** – 24,088,683.65 tons  
16,139,418.34 tons of Breakbulk  
7,949,265.31 tons of Liquid Bulk

## REVENUES (2008)

Gross Operating Revenue	\$17,209,803
Tax and Other Revenues	\$ 3,108,365
<b>TOTAL GROSS REVENUES</b>	<b>\$20,318,168</b>





**TOTAL EMPLOYEES** – 38

**MAIN CHANNEL DEPTH** – 25 feet

**CARGO TERMINALS & FACILITIES**

The Port Commission does not operate individual dock facilities. Port Fourchon is a landlord port in that the Commission leases facilities to companies which are responsible for operation and additional improvements to the site. The Commission creates the waterfront property stabilizes it and provides roadways, utilities, dredging, and maintenance of shared port infrastructure. Over 110 facilities currently are under lease to port users.

**OTHER PORT-OWNED FACILITIES AND SERVICES**

Nerby Collins Fishermen’s Marina for free mooring and electricity to service the commercial fishing vessels. Oilfield Service Dock provides free docking for certain oilfield vessels not on contract. Irvin P. Melancon Recreational Boat Launch provides free boat launching and parking services to the recreational fisherman.

The Port Commission owns and operates the South Lafourche Leonard Miller, Jr. Airport in Galliano, Louisiana. This general aviation airport sits on 359 acres and is surrounded by 1,200 acres of commission-owned property slated for industrial development. Its close proximity to Fourchon makes it the airport of choice for aviation-related businesses as well as companies in support of oil and gas activities on-going at Port Fourchon. The airport is under aggressive expansion, which includes a 6,500 foot runway with a full parallel taxiway to accommodate large jet aircraft.

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