

Eastport Deepwater Port (Maine)



Client

Maine Department of Transportation

Facts

Period

2015

Project Country

United States

For Maine Department of Transportation, EDR Group (now EBP) assessed market factors associated with a proposal to further develop deepwater port facilities at the Port of Eastport, Maine. The study was authorized as part of a “Northeast Trade Gateway” concept proposed in conjunction with Maine Department of Transportation’s three-port strategy.

The study highlighted the current status of competitive deepwater North Atlantic and Great Lakes ports and landside infrastructure presently serving inland markets, examined historical trends in commercial trade through each port (container and bulk commodities), and provided estimates of anticipated trade flows. The report included a description of the current challenges facing vessel operators and identified factors that influence their routing, configuration of vessel strings (for liner services), port choices, port facilities, and the order of port calls on North American U.S. ports.

EDR Group also identified developments in local and regional export/import trade and assessed factors that influence the kinds of commodities shipped via maritime services offered by Eastport facilities and infrastructure. These included recent trends in local export opportunities tied to biofuels and wood products as well as regional issues related to commodities being exported and imported by businesses in competitor U.S. and Canadian markets.

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