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## **The Port of Pascagoula prepares for Green Marine's certification**

**Pascagoula, MS, August 30, 2023** – The Port of Pascagoula, which is Mississippi's largest seaport, has become the newest participant in Green Marine, the leading voluntary environmental certification program for North America's maritime industry.

"Participation in a widely recognized and respected program like Green Marine aligns with our port's vision for sustainable development," says Bo Ethridge, Port Director at the Port of Pascagoula. "The environmental certification program's comprehensive framework will help us improve the sustainability of our maritime activities by ensuring that we incorporate optimal management practices along with cutting-edge technologies."

The port's two harbours encompass public and private terminals equipped with modern facilities to efficiently handle more than 32 million tons of a wide variety of international cargo through the channel annually.

Green Marine's President David Bolduc is delighted to welcome the new southeastern coast participant. "We are thrilled to have a second key port from the State of Mississippi among our network of more than 50 participating North American ports," he says. "The commitment that the Port of Pascagoula has officially made to continually improve its environmental performance builds the path for the Gulf of Mexico region having a sustainable future."

To achieve Green Marine certification, the Port of Pascagoula will assess its environmental performance through indicators that address issues such as greenhouse gases, underwater noise, spill prevention, community impacts, community relations, and waste management. The certification process is rigorous and transparent, with results independently verified every two years and each participant's individual performance made public annually.

### **About the Port of Pascagoula**

The Port of Pascagoula is a full-service deep-water port on Mississippi's southeastern coast with modern facilities for efficiently handling a wide variety of cargo from around the world. As Mississippi's largest seaport, it ranks among the top 20 U.S. ports in terms

of foreign cargo volumes. The port's location is naturally advantageous to importers, exporters, and carriers shipping cargo through the Gulf of Mexico.

### **Green Marine overview**

Founded in 2007, Green Marine's North American environmental certification program is celebrating its 15th year as a voluntary effort by the shipping industry to go beyond regulations. More than 175 ship owners, port authorities, terminal operators, and shipyard managers throughout Canada and the United States are currently participating in the program. A pivotal element of Green Marine's success from the outset has been the active support from environmental stakeholders, the scientific community, and governments. A significant number of more than 100 Green Marine supporters encourage the sustainability initiative, and many of them are called upon to review and shape the environmental program. More details are available at [www.green-marine.org](http://www.green-marine.org).

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