

**AUTORIDAD DEL CANAL DE PANAMÁ  
OPERATIONS DEPARTMENT**

**OP'S ADVISORY TO SHIPPING No. A-10-2011**

June 6, 2011

**TO : All Shipping Agents, Owners, and Operators**

**SUBJECT: Monthly Canal Operations Summary – May 2011**

1. Panama Canal Statistical Summary:

a. Transit Pilot Force .....	<u>283</u>
b. Pilots in Training .....	<u>12</u>
c. Tugs .....	<u>32</u>
d. Locomotives .....	<u>100</u>

2. Traffic Statistics:

	<u>Daily Average</u>	<u>High</u>	<u>Low</u>
Arrivals	34.90	50	22
Oceangoing Transits	35.71	42	28
Canal Waters Time (hours)	21.20	28.56	15.77
In-Transit Time (hours)	10.12	12.44	8.06
Oceangoing Transits:	<u>Total</u>	<u>Daily Average</u>	<u>Percentage</u>
Vessels of less than 91' beam	459	14.81	41.46
Vessels 91' beam and over	648	20.90	58.54
Total:	1107	35.71	
Vessels 100' beam and over	539	17.39	48.69
Vessels 900' length and over	136	4.39	12.29
Booking Slots:	<u>Available</u>	<u>Used</u>	<u>Percentage</u>
Large Vessels (beam 91' and over)	523	288	55.07
Regular Vessels (beam less than 91')	246	157	63.82

\*Does not include additional auctioned booking slots  
 † Includes booked transits only

3. The following page provides the scheduled locks maintenance work and other items of interest to the shipping community.

4. This advisory will be canceled for record purposes on June 30, 2011.

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# AUTORIDAD DEL CANAL DE PANAMÁ

## OPERATIONS DEPARTMENT

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v. 28-01-2011

OP, June 6, 2011

Subject: Monthly Canal Operations Summary – May2011

<i>SCHEDULE OF LOCKS MAINTENANCE WORK</i>						
Dates	Days	Miraflores	Pedro Miguel	Gatun	Estimated Transit Capacity <sup>1</sup>	Status
May 3, 2011	0.5	East Lane			34-36	Completed
May 5, 2011	0.5	East Lane		West Lane	34-36	Completed
June 14-24, 2011	10			Centerwall Culvert	29-33	Confirmed
June 17-22, 2011	5	East Lane			26-28	Confirmed
Aug. 1-6, 2011	5			West Lane	26-28	Tentative
Aug. 22, 2011	0.5			East Lane	32-34	Tentative
Aug. 25, 2011	0.5			East Lane	32-34	Tentative
Sept. 26, 2011	0.5			East Lane	32-34	Tentative
Sept. 29, 2011	0.5			East Lane	32-34	Tentative
Oct. 10, 2011	0.5			West Lane	32-34	Tentative
Oct. 13, 2011	0.5			West Lane	32-34	Tentative
Dic. 12, 2011	0.5			West Lane	32-34	Tentative
Dic. 15, 2011	0.5			West Lane	32-34	Tentative

<sup>1</sup>The normal transit capacity of the Panama Canal is 38-40 vessels per day, depending on vessel mix and other factors. This capacity is reduced during locks maintenance work, as indicated in the above table. Consequently, vessels may experience delays in transiting. Normally, during these periods, the Panama Canal Transit Reservation System slots are fully utilized. Whenever a set of locks requires a major outage of one of its two lanes for dry chamber inspection, miter gate repairs, tow track work or other major maintenance/improvement projects, advantage may be taken of this requirement to perform simultaneous single lane outages for additional maintenance at other locks.

### Panama Canal Authority Signs Partnership Agreement with Soy Transportation Coalition

- *GROUPS WILL COLLABORATE TO PROMOTE BENEFITS OF CANAL EXPANSION*

On May 10, 2011, in Washington, D.C., the Panama Canal Authority (ACP) Administrator/CEO Alberto Alemán Zubieta and Soy Transportation Coalition (STC) Chairman Ed Ulch signed a Memorandum of Understanding (MOU) to foster the growth of global commerce.

During a luncheon sponsored by the STC in Washington, D.C., both parties affirmed their commitment to mutual growth and cooperation. The objectives of this agreement are to undertake joint marketing efforts, data exchange to forecast future trade flows and market trends, and the sharing of information related to modernization and improvement projects.

The Soy Transportation Coalition (STC), comprised of nine state soybean boards, advocate for the improvement of transportation means for shippers of U.S. soybeans and soybean products. It is an organization dedicated to the improvement of transportation means for the shippers of U.S. soybeans and soybean products and for the development of a higher degree of efficiency in such transportation. The nine participating state soybean boards are: the Illinois Soybean Association, the Indiana Soybean Alliance, the Iowa Soybean Association, the Kansas Soybean Commission, the Kentucky Soybean Board, the Nebraska Soybean Board, the North Dakota Soybean Council, the Ohio Soybean Council, and the South Dakota Soybean Research and Promotion Council.

U.S. grain exports are a major commodity trade for the Panama Canal. These cargoes are key to the strong performance of dry bulk transits through the waterway. According to the STC, in 2010 soybeans were the most transited U.S. agricultural commodity through the Panama Canal.

"We appreciate the Soy Transportation Coalition reaching out to us for this Memorandum of Understanding. We welcome partnerships and engagements from organizations and industries that benefit from the services of the Panama Canal," said Mr. Alemán Zubieta.

During fiscal year 2010, grain movements totaled 40.4 million long tons, primarily from the U.S. Gulf of Mexico to Asia. Soybean cargoes reached a record 15.5 million long tons (560 million bushels), which amounted to 38 percent of total grain cargoes.

"We must prioritize investments to U.S. infrastructure so our agricultural exports can benefit from the expansion of the Panama Canal," said Mr. Ulch.

Once completed in 2014, the expanded Panama Canal will have a new lane of traffic, doubling capacity and allowing for the transit of longer and wider ships, also known as post-Panamax.