

**2005/2006 ICE SEASON IRON ORE SHIPMENTS
DECEMBER 16, 2005 – APRIL 15, 2006**

(gross and net tons)

LOADING DOCK	TONNAGE SHIPPED		NUMBER OF CARGOS
	GROSS TONS	NET TONS	
U.S. GREAT LAKES PORTS			
Duluth, MN	1,256,133	1,406,869	39
Superior, WI	1,482,757	1,660,688	37
Two Harbors, MN	2,852,404	3,194,692	72
Silver Bay, MN	958,164	1,073,144	39
Presque Isle, MI	906,335	1,015,095	46
Escanaba, MI	1,782,970	1,996,926	56
TOTAL – U.S. GREAT LAKES PORTS.....	9,238,763	10,347,414	289
EASTERN CANADA			
Pointe Noire, QC	131,340	147,101	5
Port Cartier, QC	366,665	410,665	14
Sept Iles, QC	253,755	284,306	9
TOTAL – EASTERN CANADA.....	751,760	842,072	28
TOTAL – ALL PORTS.....	9,990,523	11,189,486	317

**ICE SEASON / EXTENDED SEASON IRON ORE SHIPMENTS
NAVIGATION SEASONS / ICE SEASONS 1997-2006**

(gross and net tons)

The United States Coast Guard defines the ice season as beginning on December 16 and ending the following April 15. To insure statistical consistency, LCA now uses that time span to illustrate the importance of iron ore shipments during periods of ice cover. In previous years, the Association used the “Extended Season” approach, which tabulated iron ore moved between December 16 and the close of navigation, most often the end of January.

NAVIGATION SEASON / ICE SEASON	GROSS TONS	NET TONS	NUMBER OF CARGOS
1997 Navigation Season	5,382,107	6,027,960	162
1998 Navigation Season	4,058,900	4,545,968	128
1999 Navigation Season	5,565,682	6,233,564	191
2000 Navigation Season	3,811,741	4,269,150	142
2001 Navigation Season	2,862,919	3,206,468	95
2002 Ice Season	6,556,124	7,342,856	210
2003 Ice Season	7,607,747	8,520,681	248
2004 Ice Season	10,943,681	12,256,921	373
2005 Ice Season	9,991,332	11,190,297	323
2006 Ice Season	9,990,523	11,189,486	317
10-NAVIGATION SEASON / -ICE SEASON TOTAL	66,770,756	74,783,351	2189