

### **MARCH HIGHLIGHTS**

- 1.) North Cove, Old Saybrook dredging has been completed.
- 2.) On 8 March speakers from the Connecticut Roundtable on Climate and Jobs, Acadia Center and the Connecticut Port Authority participated in a public dialogue with local labor, religious, business and environmental leaders about how offshore wind development can bring jobs, clean air, and clean energy to southeastern Connecticut. The event was hosted by MDA-UAW Local 571, which represents almost 2,400 Electric Boat workers.
- 3.) From 12-14 March CPA attended the CMA Shipping Exhibition in Stamford, which included 2,500 delegates, speakers, sponsors, exhibitors and visitors from 50 countries. CPA was featured as one of the event's 140 exhibitors.

### **PROJECT UPDATES**

CPA met with HDR Engineers to conduct a site walk of Fort Trumbull Park and walk Pier #7. HDR is going to have a draft report in a couple weeks for review. Solutions to the necessary infrastructure upgrades of Pier #7 will be discussed.

SHIPP executed agreements are in DECD hands to process the funds disbursement to the municipalities. 11 of 18 are in process.

State Pier Central Wharf Demolition is on the agenda for full board approval to move the project to bidding.

Hammonasset State Park Beach Piping Plover monitoring has begun.

New Haven Harbor Deepening Study moving forward with the final approvals for the proposed alternatives with USACE HQ. A conference call is scheduled with all parties to discuss/approve in a couple weeks.

### **OUTREACH EFFORTS**

On 22 March, CPA staff attended CMTA's Industry Day and Annual Meeting at the Saybrook Point Inn. The day's breakout sessions including OSHA updates; Hidden Traps in Wage & Hour Law; Planning for a Successful Dredge Project & CT Updates; and Workforce Education Roundtable Discussion. The special guest speaker was Freya Olsen, Senior Program Manager, Discover Boating, National Marine Manufacturers Association (NMMA). There was a networking reception following the election of officers and directors. The networking reception was a great opportunity to discuss, listen and share experiences.

## **MEDIA COVERAGE**

Day of New London

Kail, Benjamin. ["Offshore Wind Backers Push New London."](#) Day of New London. 8 March 2018.

WNPR

Chairman Scott Bates did an interview with Patrick Skahill of WNPR on the offshore wind forum. The interview will air at a future date still to be determined.

## **PRESS RELEASES**

5 March: Connecticut Port Authority Holds Monthly Meeting In Bridgeport

5 March: Connecticut Port Authority and Connecticut Audubon Society Partner for Piping Plovers – Program Will Protect Birds at Hammonasset

8 March: Connecticut Port Authority to Take Part In Forum on Offshore Wind – Rapid Development of Offshore Wind Sector Could Benefit Connecticut

## **CERC DATA**

During the past month, CERC has assisted the CPA in a number of ways:

During March, CERC's work for the CPA was focused on collecting data for the maritime industry impact analysis. This data collection included telephone discussions with representatives of the ferries operating out of New London, the Connecticut recreational boating industry, and businesses in Bridgeport and Stamford. We also attended the CMA Shipping Conference in Stamford, where we spoke with exhibitors to help identify their specific impacts on the Connecticut economy.

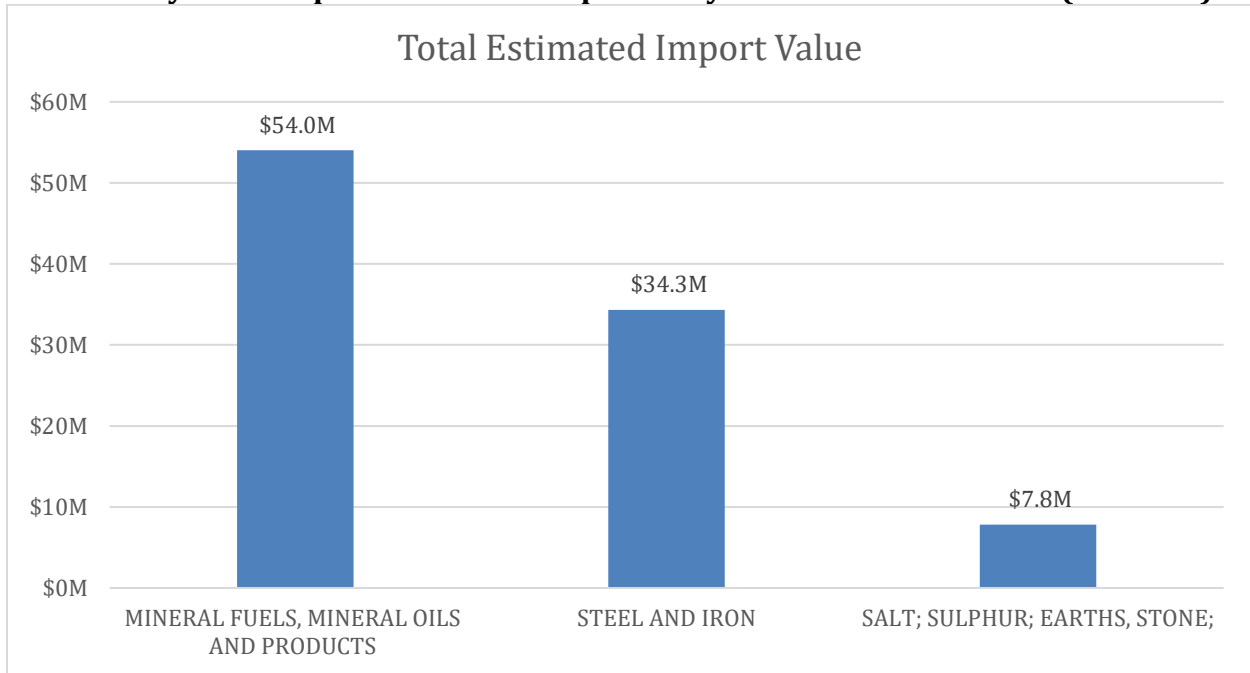
CERC provided information to the CPA about how to register with the [grants.gov](http://grants.gov) website to submit grant applications and additional information for the State of the Ports presentation.

CERC spoke with the CT Department of Transportation about sharing licenses for the freight movement software; unfortunately, the software DOT has access to is different than CERC recommended for CPA purchase. We continue to investigate available options for supporting the CPA's data needs.

CERC prepared data for the monthly board update on the value and top commodities imported through Connecticut's ports in January 2018 (see appendix).

**APPENDIX A**

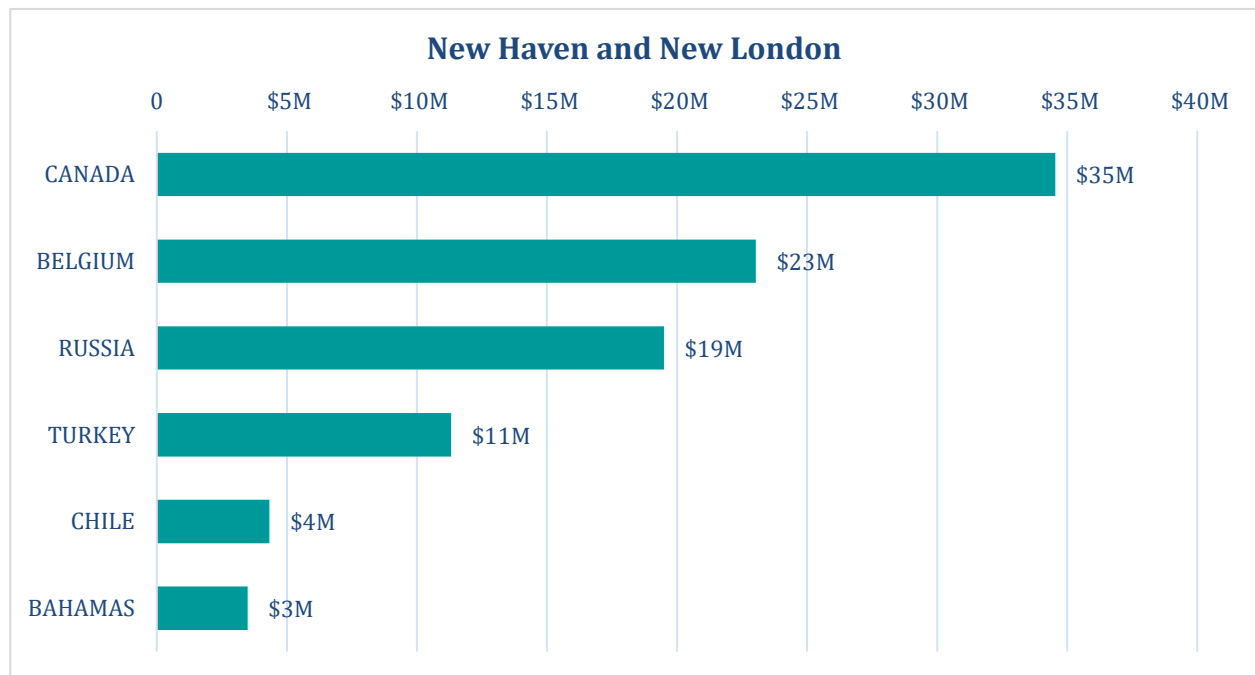
**February 2018 Top Commodities Imported by Total Estimated Value (All Ports)**



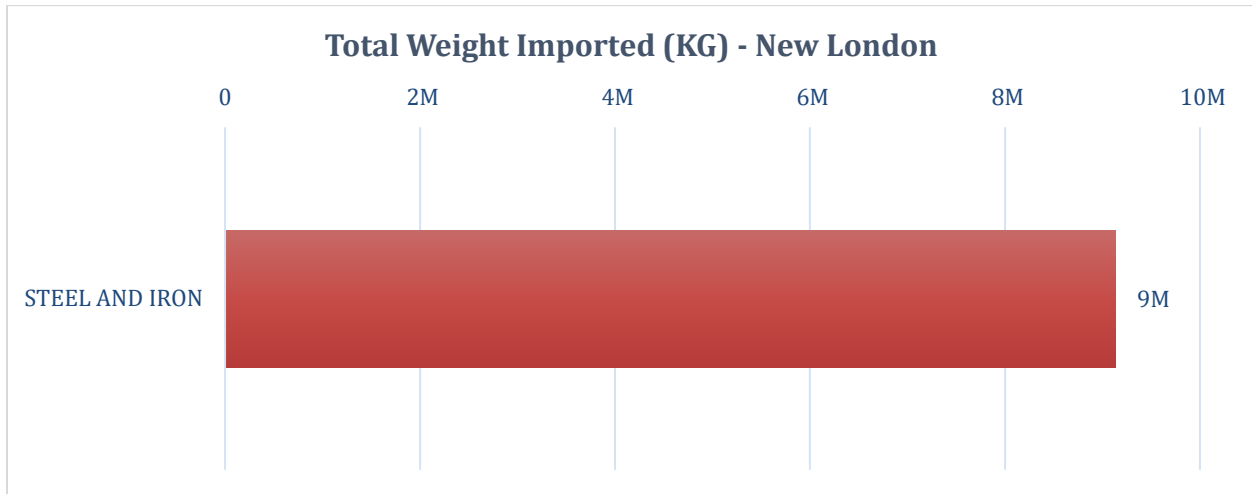
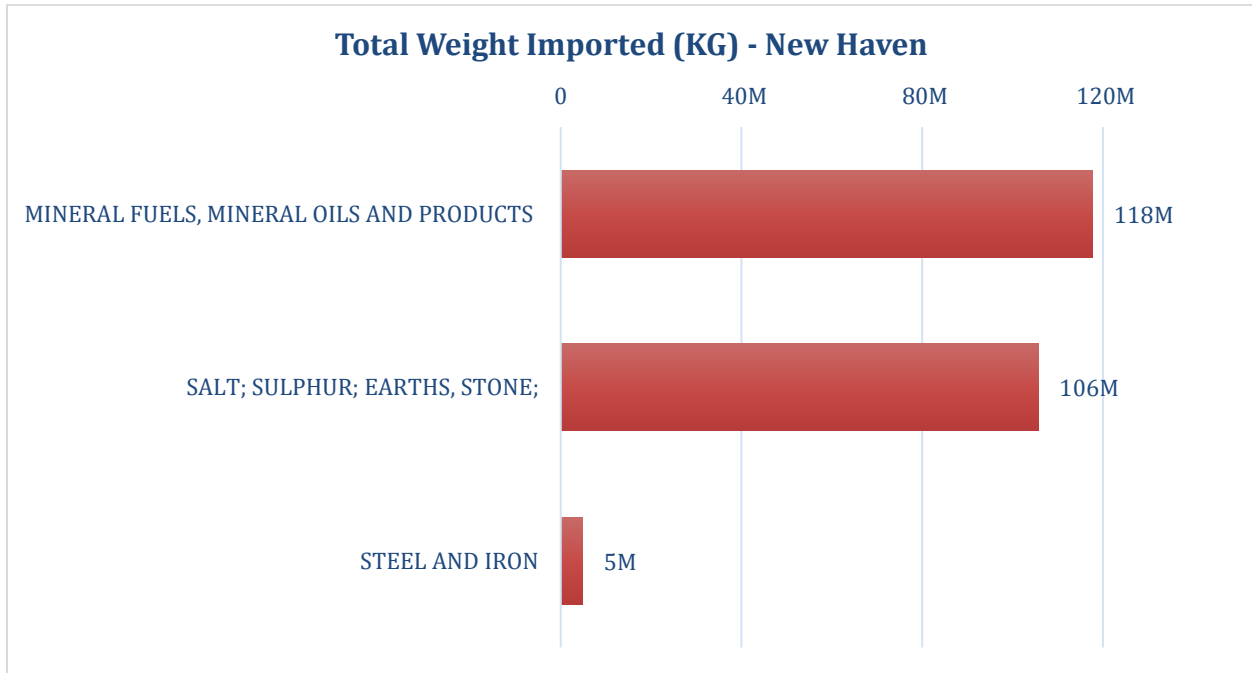
Note: No data available for Bridgeport.

**February 2018 Top Countries of Origin by Total Import Value**

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**February 2018 Top Commodities Imported by Weight (KG)**



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