

Sen. Lasee: Helps secure harbor assistance grant for Sturgeon Bay harbor project

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MADISON – On Tuesday, the Joint Finance Committee (JFC) approved a \$3.2 million grant from the Harbor Assistance Program for a dock construction and dredging project in the Sturgeon Bay harbor. This grant for up to \$3.2 million of the total cost of the project will assist Fincantieri Bay Shipbuilding of Door County in phase III of the harbor project. State Senator Frank Lasee (R-De Pere), issued the following statement about JFC's approval of the senator's proposal:

“I thank my Senate and Assembly colleagues and their staffs for recognizing the importance of this proposal for Sturgeon Bay, Door County and Northeastern Wisconsin. The \$3.2 million investment approved by Joint Finance Committee will help keep the company vibrant and anchored to Sturgeon Bay.

The construction and dredging project will increase vessel construction and winter repair capacity in the Sturgeon Bay Harbor. Having room for additional vessels in the harbor will create even more employment opportunities than the 1,000 full time employees already working throughout the year at Fincantieri Bay Shipbuilding.

Wisconsin shipbuilders' craftsmanship and ingenuity is sought by companies and individuals from all over the world. Updating and improving the harbor will keep Wisconsin competitive with other world-

wide shipbuilders.” Lasee said.