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Channels in Straits of Mackinac, MI

Project Features

- One of the Great Lakes connecting channels; the Straits of Mackinac are located between Michigan's Upper and Lower Peninsulas and connect Lake Michigan with Lake Huron
- Authorization: Rivers & Harbors Acts of 30 Aug 1935 and 23 Mar 1956
- Deep draft commercial project that provides for a 1,250-foot-wide channel between Mackinac Island and Round Island, and for removal of the Poe Reef shoal
- Project depth is 30 feet
- Approximately 3,500 feet in length
- Major stakeholder: Majority of Great Lakes shipping interests and U.S. Coast Guard

Project Requirements

- The channels were constructed in hard bottom areas of the Straits of Mackinac; consequently, they require infrequent maintenance. It is anticipated that all future maintenance will consist of occasional strike removal operations.

Consequences of Not Maintaining the Project

- Significant loss of jobs locally, regionally, and internationally
- Access between Lake Superior and the lower Great Lakes would be cut off
- Key component of the Great Lakes and St. Lawrence Seaway navigation system; disruption of service would have severe maritime and economic impacts.



Transportation Importance

- Key connecting channel between Lake Superior and the lower Great Lakes and the St. Lawrence Seaway
- This project is vital to both domestic and international maritime interests using the Great Lakes and St. Lawrence Seaway.
- Commodities transported through these channels include coal, iron ore, limestone, wood pulp, petroleum products, salt, and other general cargo.

**U.S. Army Corps of Engineers Fiscal Year (FY) 2022, 2023, and 2024
Channels in Straits of Mackinac, MI – Project Requirements and President’s Budget (\$1,000)**

Work Package	FY22 Requirement	FY22 Appropriation	FY23 Requirement	FY23 Appropriation	FY24 Requirement	FY24 President’s Budget
TOTAL	0	0	0	0	0	0

Congressional Interests

- Representative Jack Bergman R-MI-1
- Senator Gary Peters D-MI
- Senator Debbie Stabenow D-MI