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Cornucopia Harbor, WI

Harbor Features

- Located at the mouth of the Siskiwit River on the south shore of Lake Superior, 49 miles east of Duluth, MN
- Authorization: Rivers & Harbors Acts of 26 Aug 1937, 3 Sep 1954
- Shallow draft recreational harbor
- Project depths: 10 feet in the approach channel and 8 feet in the turning basin and inner channels
- Approximately 2,000 feet of maintained federal channel and 1,500 feet of maintained breakwater
- Major stakeholders: Siskiwit Marina, Town of Bell Marina, Halverson Fisheries, Red Cliff Tribe Fisheries, Black Warrior Marine, PMG charters, Dreamcatcher Sailing, the NPS, NOAA, US Border Patrol, and the US F&WS vessel KIYI, US Coast Guard, and the Wisconsin DNR

Project Requirements

- Periodic maintenance dredging is needed on a 3 to 5 year cycle of approximately 5,000 to 10,000 cubic yards.
- Federal Channel does not currently meet authorized project depths. Last dredged federally in 2008; maintenance dredging is currently required.
- Recent local dredging activity occurred in 2011 (3000 CY), 2014 (12,500 CY), and 2018 (5144 CY).
- FY18 funding was used to obtain new sediment samples for updated environmental coordination.
- Breakwaters currently require critical repairs and critical safety maintenance.



Consequences of Not Maintaining the Project

- Further shoaling will limit or cease recreational and transient boating.
- Loss of local jobs
- Loss of recreational and charter fishing in the area
- Loss of summer residency and local tourism
- Loss of an important harbor-of-refuge
- Reduction in beach nourishment subjecting commercial, recreational, and residential properties to significant property damages
- Damages to marinas, economic or physical damages to local and regional businesses, and impacted boat landing

Transportation Importance

- The harbor supports \$6.3M in business revenue, and approximately 77 direct, indirect, and induced jobs.
- This project serves as an important harbor of refuge in a remote area of Lake Superior and supports charter fishing and recreational navigation interests.
- The local community has established significant infrastructure around the harbor facilities that generates income from harbor users and visitors to the area.
- 12 business establishments directly rely on the harbor, with 7 waterfront shops, a museum, park, campground, and bed and breakfast.
- Revenue from associated businesses is estimated to be \$3,000,000 annually, an approximate ~75% increase since 2010.
- Cornucopia Harbor is home to two marinas, the Town of Bell Marina (a 35-boat slip) and Siskiwit Bay Marina (a 70-boat slip).
- Halverson Fisheries is the largest USA-based fishery on the Great Lakes and operates out of Cornucopia Harbor.
- Cornucopia is the nearest full-service harbor on the west side of the National Park Sea Caves/Apostle Islands.
- Cornucopia is the homeport to over 100 recreational vessels and provides marina service to over 200 private boaters.

**U.S. Army Corps of Engineers Fiscal Year (FY) 2019, 2020, and 2021
Cornucopia Harbor, WI - Project Requirements and President’s Budget (\$1,000)**

Work Package	FY19 Requirement	FY19 Appropriation	FY20 Requirement	FY20 Appropriation	FY21 Requirement	FY21 Appropriation
Maintenance Dredging – Primary Work Package	190	0	600	0	600	0
Critical Breakwater Safety Maintenance	0	0	0	0	25	0
East Breakwater Repair	500	0	500	0	500	0
Real Estate Management	0	0	0	0	6	0
TOTAL	690	0	1,100	0	1,131	0

Congressional Interests

- Representative Tom Tiffany, R-WI-7
- Senator Ron Johnson R-WI
- Senator Tammy Baldwin D-WI