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Grand Marais Harbor, MI

Harbor Features

- Located on the south shore of Lake Superior, 93 miles west of Sault Ste. Marie, MI
- Authorization: Rivers & Harbors Acts of 14 Jun 1880, 17 May 1950
- Deep draft harbor that currently serves recreational users
- Project depths: 20 feet in the entrance channel and 18 feet in the inner harbor channel
- Maintained depths of 15 to 17 feet
- Approximately 3,000 feet of maintained federal channel
- Approximately 5,400 feet of piers, and a 5,770 feet long pile dike, currently in ruins
- Dredged material placed along the beach as beach nourishment
- Major stakeholders: U.S. Coast Guard, USFWS, Michigan DNR, Village of Grand Marais, and a variety of boating interests

Project Requirements

- Requires infrequent maintenance dredging. Dredging requirements vary relative to shoaling patterns, usage, placement site and environmental coordination efforts.
- Last dredged in 1973
- Maintenance dredging and sediment sampling are currently required.
- A Dredged Material Management Preliminary Assessment was funded in FY22 and is ongoing.
- Critical structure safety maintenance is required.

Consequences of Not Maintaining the Project

- Loss of jobs locally
- Loss of recreational and charter fishing in the area
- Loss of safe harbor during storm events
- Potential safety issues for recreational boating community



Transportation Importance

- This project serves as an important harbor of refuge and supports charter fishing and recreational navigation interests.
- This harbor is very scenic and provides a large tourism base for Michigan's Upper Peninsula.
- The local community has established infrastructure around the harbor facilities that generates income from harbor users and visitors to the area.

**U.S. Army Corps of Engineers Fiscal Year (FY) 2022, 2023, and 2024
Grand Marais Harbor, 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
Sediment Sampling, Analysis, and Environmental Coordination	0	0	200	0	250	0
Maintenance Dredging	1,500	0	1,500	0	1,510	0
Dredged Material Management Preliminary Assessment	300	300	0	0	0	0
Critical Structure Safety Maintenance	50	0	50	0	50	0
Real Estate Management	13	0	13	13	14	0
TOTAL	1,863	300	1,763	13	1,824	0

Congressional Interests

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