



La Pointe Harbor, WI

Harbor Features

- Located on Madeline Island across from Bayfield, WI; approximately 85 miles east of Duluth, MN
- Authorization: 1960 Rivers & Harbors Act
- Shallow draft recreational harbor
- Subsistence Harbor
- Project depth is 10 feet
- Approximately 200 feet of maintained federal channel
- 200 feet of breakwater
- 12,350 tons of material shipped and received in 2018.
- Dredged material is placed upland
- Major stakeholders: U.S. Coast Guard, the town of La Pointe, Madeline Island Ferry Lines, and Nelson Construction

Project Requirements

- Requires maintenance dredging of approximately 1,200 cubic yards every 5 or 6 years.
- The harbor was last dredged in 2014, when approximately 1,500 cubic yards of material were removed.
- Local interests have requested that project limits be expanded to allow for the larger ferry vessels that need to access this harbor. This would require Section 216 study and new authorization.
- Critical breakwater safety maintenance is required.

Consequences of Not Maintaining the Project

- Significant decrease in local tourism impacting numerous local festivals
- Abandonment of Madeline Island, leading to the displacement of over 300 permanent residents and over 2500 seasonal residents
- Increased risk of damages to boat landings, docks, public and private marine structures



- Loss of only commercial transportation option to the mainland
- Loss of emergency and all essential services to the local community
- Loss of local jobs
- Loss of recreational boating and charter fishing in the area

Transportation Importance

- This project serves as an important ferry hub, carrying commuters in the local community daily between Bayfield and La Pointe, WI. The subsistence harbor provides all essential services to Madeline Island. It is vital to emergency services, schools, and all supplies, provisions, and goods delivered to the island.
- This project serves as an important harbor of refuge and supports charter fishing and recreational boating interests.
- The local community has established significant infrastructure around the harbor that generates income from harbor users and visitors to the area.
- Serves as a gateway to the Apostle Islands National Lakeshore

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

Work Package	FY19 Requirement	FY19 Appropriation	FY20 Requirement	FY20 Appropriation	FY21 Requirement	FY21 President's Budget
Real Estate Management	0	0	0	0	3	0
Section 216 Study	0	0	0	0	200	0
Critical Breakwater Safety Maintenance	0	0	0	0	25	0
TOTAL	0	0	0	0	228	0

Congressional Interests

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