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## 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
- 13,780 tons of material shipped and received in 2019.
- 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.
- Maintenance dredging is currently required.
- Local interests requested project limits be expanded to allow for larger ferry vessels to access this harbor. This would require Section 216 study and new authorization.
- Critical breakwater safety maintenance is required.
- Maintenance needed to re-armor the toe of each breakwater and along the exterior of breakwater cells.



### Consequences of Not Maintaining the Project

- Loss of ability to provide food and fuel to Madeline Island
- Abandonment of Madeline Island, leading to the displacement of over 300 permanent residents and over 2,500 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
- Loss of an important harbor of refuge
- Significant decrease in local tourism, impacting numerous local festivals

**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 patrons and visitors to the area, including shops, restaurants, museums, lodging, a full-service marina, and more
- Serves as a gateway to the Apostle Islands National Lakeshore

**U.S. Army Corps of Engineers Fiscal Year (FY) 2020, 2021, and 2022  
La Pointe Harbor, WI - Project Requirements and President’s Budget (\$1,000)**

<b>Work Package</b>	<b>FY20 Requirement</b>	<b>FY20 Appropriation</b>	<b>FY21 Requirement</b>	<b>FY21 Appropriation</b>	<b>FY22 Requirement</b>	<b>FY22 President’s Budget</b>
Maintenance Dredging	0	0	0	0	550	0
Real Estate Management	0	0	3	0	3	0
Maintenance of Navigation Structures	0	0	0	0	950	0
Section 216 Study	0	0	20	0	20	0
Critical Breakwater Safety Maintenance	0	0	25	0	50	0
<b>TOTAL</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>48</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>1,573</b>	<b>0</b>

**Congressional Interests**

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