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Manistique Harbor, MI

Harbor Features

- Located on the north shore of Lake Michigan, 135 miles northeast of Green Bay, WI and 220 miles north of Milwaukee, WI
- Authorization: Rivers & Harbors Acts of 3 Mar 1905, 2 Mar 1907, 17 May 1950
- Deep draft harbor; limited commercial traffic and recreation users
- Project depth is 19 feet in the entrance channel and 18 feet in the inner channel
- Maintained depth is authorized at 12 feet
- Over 3,500 feet of breakwater and pier structures and approximately 4,000 feet of maintained channel
- Dredged material is placed in upland placement sites as needed.
- Established commercial operations, which depend on the harbor, include: two commercial fishing operations, a tug-barge company providing fuels to Beaver Island, and a private recreational marina
- Public recreational marine facilities dependent upon the harbor include the Manistique Municipal Marina and the Manistique River Boating Access Site
- Major stakeholders: U.S. Coast Guard, Manistique Papers, city of Manistique, Michigan DNR, commercial fishing enterprises, commodity barge operations, Beaver Island, Manistique Rentals Inc., charter and sports fishing interests, and recreational boating.

Project Requirements

- Requires periodic maintenance dredging of 20,000 to 40,000 cubic yards on a 3- to 5-year cycle
- The harbor was dredged in 2021, approximately 21,000 cubic yards of material was removed.



- Dredging was completed in summer 2022 using FY22 funds.
- East and West Breakwaters require repair, funding received in 2023 for engineering and design.
- Design for repairs to the West Breakwater was initiated using FY21 funds. Additional funds required to complete design. Funds have been requested in FY24 for repairs to the most critical sections. Additional funding requests will be needed as design progresses to address remaining sections.
- Critical structure safety maintenance was conducted with FY22 funds.
- FY22 funds received to initiate a Preliminary Dredged Material Management Assessment.

Consequences of Not Maintaining the Project

- Loss of commercial fishing companies and commodity tug-barge service to Beaver Island
- Loss of recreational boating facilities at the Manistique Marina (public) and the Northern Lights Marina (private)

Transportation Importance

- The harbor serves as a harbor of refuge and supports a variety of sport and charter fishing interests and public/private recreational boating facilities.
- The harbor also supports two commercial fishing companies.
- Subsistence harbor - supports a tug-barge company providing gasoline, diesel, and home heating fuels to Beaver Island
- Harbor generates revenue locally and regionally from both commercial and public marine infrastructure located within the navigational channel
- The harbor is the only vessel launching facility within an eighty-mile radius on the northern Lake Michigan/Upper Peninsula shoreline capable of launching law enforcement and search and rescue vessels.

**U.S. Army Corps of Engineers Fiscal Year (FY) 2022, 2023, and 2024
Manistique 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
Maintenance Dredging	1,300	1,300	0	0	0	0
Dredged Material Management Preliminary Assessment	300	300	0	0	0	0
Sediment Sampling, Analysis, and Environmental	0	0	0	0	300	300
East Breakwater Repairs - Engineering and Design	890	0	890	890	0	0
West Breakwater Repairs - Engineering and Design	720	0	720	720	0	0
West Breakwater Repairs - Construction	0	0	0	0	10,000	0
Critical Structure Safety Maintenance	25	25	0	0	0	0
Real Estate Management	7	7	7	7	8	8
TOTAL	3,242	1,632	1,617	1,617	10,308	308

Congressional Interests

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