



US Army Corps  
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## Port Wing Harbor, WI

### **Harbor Features**

- Located on the south shore of Lake Superior, about 34 miles east of Duluth, MN
- Authorization: Rivers & Harbors Acts of 12 Jun 1902, 30 Jun 1948
- Deep draft harbor serving recreational users
- Project depth of 15 feet in the entrance channel and 8 feet in the upstream portion of the federal project (south and east ends)
- About 2,500 feet of maintained federal channel
- About 2,000 feet of piers
- Dredged material is placed on the beach as beach nourishment.
- Major stakeholders: U.S. Coast Guard, Port Wing Marina, Everett Fisheries, and various charter fishermen

### **Project Requirements**

- Requires maintenance dredging on a 3- to 5-year cycle of approximately 15,000 to 25,000 cubic yards.
- Fall 2016 storm event resulted in significant shoaling. Emergency O&M funding was received in 2017 and dredging was completed. Approximately 12,000 cubic yards of material were removed.
- Maintenance dredging is currently required.
- Critical breakwater safety maintenance is currently required.



### **Consequences of Not Maintaining the Project**

- Loss of jobs locally
- Loss of recreational, charter, and commercial fishing in the area
- Loss of summer residency and tourism
- Loss of an important harbor of refuge
- Reduction in beach nourishment, leading to beach erosion and lake encroachment subjecting commercial and residential properties along the Lake Superior shoreline to additional property damages

### **Transportation Importance**

- This project serves as an important harbor of refuge and supports charter fishing and recreational navigation interests.
- The local community has established infrastructure around the harbor facilities that generates income from harbor users and visitors to the area, including a public beach and marina.

**U.S. Army Corps of Engineers Fiscal Year (FY) 2020, 2021, and 2021  
Port Wing 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 – Primary Work Package	450	0	450	0	750	0
Critical Breakwater Safety Maintenance	0	0	25	0	25	25
Real Estate Management	0	0	8	0	8	0
<b>TOTAL</b>	<b>450</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>483</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>783</b>	<b>25</b>

**Congressional Interests**

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