



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
- Approximately 1,800 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.
- Maintenance dredging was last performed in 2017 when approximately 12,000 cubic yards of material were removed. Maintenance dredging and sediment sampling are currently required.
- Sediment Sampling will be conducted using FY23 funds.
- Critical structure safety maintenance will be conducted in 2023 with FY22 funds.



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) 2022, 2023, and 2024
Port Wing Harbor, WI – 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	730	0	730	0	730	0
Sediment Sampling, Analysis, and Environmental Coordination	0	0	250	250	0	0
Critical Structure Safety Maintenance	25	25	0	0	0	0
Real Estate Management	8	0	8	8	8	0
TOTAL	763	25	988	258	738	0

Congressional Interests

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