



US Army Corps
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Presque Isle Harbor, MI

Harbor Features

- Located on the south shore of Lake Superior near Marquette, MI
- Authorization: Rivers & Harbors Acts of 3 Jun 1896, 13 Jun 1902, 30 Aug 1935, 14 Jul 1960
- Deep draft commercial harbor
- Project depths of 30 feet in the approach, 28 feet in the inner basin
- 4.8M tons of material shipped and received in 2021
- Marquette and Presque Isle are ranked with combined tonnages of 6.5M from the Waterborne Commerce Statistics Center. They have a combined rank of 14th among Great Lakes Harbors and 66th among US ports in 2021.
- Over 2,800 feet of breakwater
- Major stakeholders: U.S. Coast Guard, Cleveland-Cliffs, Lafarge, and Lake Superior & Ishpeming Railroad

Project Requirements

- Maintenance dredging is required on a 10- to 15-year cycle. Dredging requirements vary relative to shoaling patterns, usage, placement site and environmental coordination efforts.
- Maintenance dredging is identified in the FY24 President's Budget.
- Sediment sampling is identified in the FY24 President's Budget.
- Navigation structure maintenance was conducted by government floating plant with FY22 funds.
- Critical structure safety maintenance is currently required.

Consequences of Not Maintaining the Project

- If the harbor were closed to commercial traffic, commodities would have to be transported by rail. This would increase annual emission rates by 62.1M lbs. of harmful particulate matter (PM-10) and increase costs by \$13.9M due to increased railroad related accidents and \$9.3M due to increased truck related accidents.



- Light loading; loss of between 1 and 2 feet of channel depth results in increased transportation costs up to \$1.1M annually.
- Deterioration of breakwater would cause hazards to vessel navigation and mooring and endanger harbor infrastructure.

Transportation Importance

- Major receiving port on the Great Lakes
- Commodities include iron ore, coal, and limestone
- Waterborne transportation facilitated by the harbor supports \$318.8M in business revenue, 1,417 direct, indirect, and induced jobs, and \$108M in labor income to the transportation sector.
- Commodities handled by the harbor support \$10.4B in business revenue, 53,965 direct, indirect, and induced jobs, and \$2.9B in labor income.

**U.S. Army Corps of Engineers Fiscal Year (FY) 2022, 2023, and 2024
Presque Isle 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	850	0	850	0	870	870
Sediment Sampling, Analysis, and Environmental Coordination	0	0	0	0	200	200
Navigation Structure Maintenance - Gov't Fleet	1,500	1,500	0	0	0	0
Critical Structure Safety Maintenance	50	0	50	0	50	0
Real Estate Management	5	5	5	5	6	6
TOTAL	2,405	1,505	905	5	1,126	1,076

Congressional Interests

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