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Tawas Bay Harbor, MI

Harbor Features

- Located on the west shore of Lake Huron, about 45 miles northeast of the mouth of the Saginaw River
- Authorization: Rivers & Harbors Act of 13 Aug 1968
- Shallow draft recreational harbor
- Project depths of 12 feet in the entrance channel, and 10 feet in the inner basin
- More than 1,750 feet of breakwaters
- Major stakeholders include Michigan DNR, U.S. Coast Guard, and various boating and sport fishing interests.

Project Requirements

- Requires infrequent maintenance dredging; the harbor has not required maintenance dredging since it was originally constructed in 1978.

Consequences of Not Maintaining the Project

- Loss of jobs locally
- Loss of recreational opportunities and charter and sport fishing in the area
- Loss of recreational boating access to the Great Lakes
- Loss of safe harbor during storm events
- Potential safety issues for recreational boating community



Transportation Importance

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

**U.S. Army Corps of Engineers Fiscal Year (FY) 2020, 2021, and 2022
Tawas Bay Harbor, MI - Project Requirements and President's Budget (\$1,000)**

| Work Package | FY20 Requirement | FY20 Appropriation | FY21 Requirement | FY21 Appropriation | FY22 Requirement | FY22 President's Budget |
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| TOTAL | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 |

Congressional Interests

- Representative Dan Kildee D-MI-5
- Senator Gary Peters D-MI
- Senator Debbie Stabenow D-MI