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Whitefish Point Harbor, MI

Harbor Features

- Located on the south shore of Lake Superior, about 55 miles east of Grand Marais, MI and 40 miles west of Sault Ste. Marie, MI
- Authorization: Rivers & Harbors Act of 2 Mar 1945, 17 Aug 1967
- Shallow draft recreational harbor
- Project depth is 12 feet
- Approximately 8 acres of maintained federal channel
- More than 1,500 feet of breakwaters
- Dredged material is placed along the beach as beach nourishment.
- Stakeholders include U.S. Coast Guard

Project Requirements

- Maintenance dredging of approximately 28,000 cubic yards is required every 2 to 6 years.
- The harbor was last dredged in 2019 with FY18 funding.
- Critical breakwater safety maintenance is required.
- Rubble mound repairs are required.
- Real estate investigation is required to determine ownership and repairs needed to the north breakwater connector.

Consequences of Not Maintaining the Project

- Loss of jobs locally
- Loss of recreational and charter fishing in the area
- Loss of recreational boating access to Lake Superior
- 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 Native American navigation interests.
- The local community has established 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
Whitefish Point 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
Rubble Mound Breakwater Repairs	0	0	0	0	2,500	0
Real Estate Investigation – North Breakwater Ownership	0	0	0	0	150	0
Critical Breakwater Safety Maintenance	25	0	25	0	50	0
Real Estate Management	0	0	3	0	4	0
TOTAL	25	0	28	0	2,704	0

Congressional Interests

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