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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 1,300 feet of breakwaters
- Dredged material is placed along the beach as beach nourishment.
- Stakeholders include U.S. Coast Guard, Native American navigation interests, and the Michigan DNR

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 2018 funding.
- Maintenance dredging is funded in 2023.
- Critical structure safety maintenance is required.
- Structure maintenance, including stone replenishment along the breakwaters, is required.
- An Investigation is required to document ownership and repairs needed to the North Breakwater connector. Funds will be used to initiate real estate, environmental, and design actions necessary to maintain safe harbor access and operability.



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

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) 2022, 2023, and 2024
Whitefish Point Harbor – 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	0	0	790	790	0	0
Navigation Structure Maintenance	430	0	430	0	750	0
Investigation – North Breakwater Connector	150	0	150	0	150	0
Critical Structure Safety Maintenance	50	0	50	0	50	0
Real Estate Management	4	0	2	2	4	0
TOTAL	634	0	1,422	792	954	0

Congressional Interests

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