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## Big Bay Harbor, MI

### Harbor Features

- Located on the south shore of Lake Superior, 33 miles northwest of Marquette, MI and 38 miles east of the portage entry to the Keweenaw Waterway
- Authorization: 1945 River & Harbor Act
- Shallow draft recreational harbor
- Project depth is 12 feet in the entrance channel and 10 feet in the harbor basin.
- Approximately 500 feet of maintained federal channel
- More than 1,250 feet of maintained piers
- Dredged material is placed along the beach as beach nourishment.
- Major stakeholders include the Michigan DNR, Marquette County Sportsman's Club, and various marinas.

### Project Requirements

- Requires periodic maintenance dredging on a three to five year cycle of approximately 11,000 to 19,000 cubic yards.
- The harbor was last dredged in 2013 with funds provided by the State of Michigan under a contributed funds agreement with USACE.



### Consequences of Not Maintaining the Project

- Loss of jobs locally
- Loss of recreational and charter fishing in the area

### 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) 2015, 2016 and 2017  
Big Bay Harbor, MI - Project Requirements and President's Budget (\$1,000)**

<b>Work Package</b>	<b>FY15 Requirement</b>	<b>FY15 Appropriation</b>	<b>FY16 Requirement</b>	<b>FY16 Appropriation</b>	<b>FY17 Requirement</b>	<b>FY17 President's Budget</b>
Maintenance Dredging – Primary Work Package						
<b>TOTAL</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>0</b>

**Congressional Interests**

- Representative Dan Benishek R-MI-1
- Senator Gary Peters D-MI
- Senator Debbie Stabenow D-MI