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## Black River Harbor, MI

### Harbor Features

- Located at the mouth of the Black River on the south shore of Lake Superior, 39 miles west of Ontonagon, MI and 47 miles east of Ashland, WI
- Authorization: River & Harbor Act of 2 Mar 1945
- Shallow draft recreational harbor
- Project depths are 10 feet in the approach channel, 8 feet in the access channel and 6 feet in the river channel
- Approximately 4,000 feet of maintained federal channel
- Approximately 1,300 feet of rubble mound breakwaters
- Dredged material is placed along the beach as beach nourishment.
- Major stakeholders include U.S. Forest Service, Michigan DNR, Gogebic County, Marina concessionaire, along with charter, recreational, and Native American fishing interests.

### Project Requirements

- Approximately 4,500 to 7,500 cubic yards of material must be dredged on a three to five year cycle; the harbor was last dredged in 2009.
- The harbor currently requires maintenance dredging.



### Consequences of Not Maintaining the Project

- Further shoaling will limit or cease recreational and transient boating
- Loss of jobs locally
- Loss of recreational and charter fishing in the area

### Transportation Importance

- This project serves as an important Harbor of Refuge in a remote area of Lake Superior and supports fishing and recreational 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) 2015, 2016 and 2017  
Black River 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	260		300		300	
<b>TOTAL</b>	<b>260</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>300</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>300</b>	<b>0</b>

**Congressional Interests**

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