



## Cheboygan Harbor, MI

### Harbor Features

- Located at the mouth of the Cheboygan River and empties into western Lake Huron approximately 16 miles southeast of the Straits of Mackinac.
- Authorization: River & Harbor Acts of 3 Jun 1896, 2 Mar 1907, 26 Aug 1937, 17 May 1950
- Deep draft commercial harbor
- Project depths of 21 feet in outer channel/turning basin, 18.5 feet above the turning basin and 8.5 feet above State Road Bridge.
- 74.9K tons of material shipped and received in 2013
- Approximately 775 feet of rubble mound breakwaters
- Approximately 12,000 feet of maintained channel
- Major stakeholders include U.S. Coast Guard, U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service, Michigan DNR, Arkona LLC, Cheboygan Dive Center, Durocher Marine (division of Kokosing), Moran Iron Works, Plaunt Transportation, Ryba Marine, Shepler's Ferry, TherCom Inc., U.S. Oil Fuel Terminal, U.S. Venture, and Walstrom Marine.

### Project Requirements

- Maintenance dredging required on a 10 to 20 year cycle; the harbor was last dredged in late 2014/ spring of 2015.

### Consequences of Not Maintaining the Project

- Light loading; loss of channel depth results in increased transportation costs.
- Narrowing of the maintained channel increases risk of vessel groundings in offshore approach channel.
- Could negatively affect U.S. Coast Guard and Homeland Security operations within the harbor.



### Transportation Importance

- Significant receiving port on the Great Lakes
- Commodities shipped and/or received include sand, gravel, crushed stone, gasoline, fuel oil, and slag.
- Home port of the U.S. Coast Guard's only U.S. heavy ice breaking resource, the cutter Mackinaw, which is essential to keeping navigable waterways open in late fall/early winter and spring on the Great Lakes. The Mackinaw also plays a key role in buoy tending in spring and fall.
- Provides only ferry service to Bois Blanc Island; Marine bypass route for freight not permitted across Mackinac Bridge. Ferry carries people, cars, trucks, commodities and mail. Approximately 4 to 5 ferry trips are made daily from early spring through late fall.
- Harbor of Refuge
- Supports approximately 40 charter fishing boats and approximately 300 recreation boat slips
- Supports scuba diving training and shipwreck diving excursions
- Serves as gateway to 43 miles of inland waters that support a large amount of tourism in Cheboygan County

**U.S. Army Corps of Engineers Fiscal Year (FY) 2015, 2016 and 2017  
Cheboygan 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