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Grand Marais Harbor, MI

Harbor Features

- Located on the south shore of Lake Superior, 93 miles west of Sault Ste. Marie, MI.
- Authorization: River & Harbor Acts of 14 Jun 1880, 17 May 1950
- Deep draft harbor, however, current use is primarily recreational
- Project depths of 20 feet in the entrance channel and 18 feet in the inner harbor channel
- Maintained depths of 15 to 17 feet
- Approximately 3,000 feet of maintained federal channel
- Approximately 4,000 feet of piers, and a 5,770 feet long pile dike, currently in ruins
- Dredged material is placed along the beach as beach nourishment.
- Major stakeholders include USFWS, Michigan DNR, village of Grand Marais, and a variety of boating interests.

Project Requirements

- Requires infrequent maintenance dredging; the harbor was last dredged in 1973.
- In 2012 the remnants of a 300 foot section of timber cribbing were removed and a rubble mound breakwater was constructed at the southernmost end of the east pier.
- The local community used state and local funding to provide repairs and construct a new section of breakwater in 2012.

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.
- This harbor is very scenic and provides a large tourism base for Michigan's Upper Peninsula.
- 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
Grand Marais Harbor, MI - Project Requirements and President's Budget (\$1,000)**

Work Package	FY15 Requirement	FY15 Appropriation	FY16 Requirement	FY16 Appropriation	FY17 Requirement	FY17 President's Budget
Maintenance Dredging – Primary Work Package	50					
Maintenance Dredging – Backlog Work Package	485					
Repairs to Pile Dike Breakwater – by Contract						
TOTAL	535	0	0	0	0	0

Congressional Interests

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