



## Grand Marais Harbor, MN

### **Harbor Features**

- Located on the north shore of Lake Superior, about 110 miles northeast of Duluth, MN.
- Deep draft harbor that currently serves recreational uses
- Authorization: River & Harbor Act of 1879
- Project depth of 20 feet at the harbor entrance, depths range between 16 to 18 feet within the harbor, and the project depth of the small boat harbor is 8 feet.
- Federal small boat basin of approximately 38 acres makes up the major portion of the project. A small federal channel behind the west breakwater is approximately 500 x 100 feet.
- Over 1,600 feet of breakwaters. Over 800 feet of concrete seawalls in the southeast corner of the harbor.
- Major stakeholders include the U.S. Coast Guard, Minnesota DNR, city of Grand Marais marina, a private yacht club leasing land from the U.S. Forest Service, and North House Folk School.

### **Project Requirements**

- Requires periodic maintenance dredging on an infrequent basis. The harbor was last dredged in 2008.
- Reconfiguration of and dredging behind the west inner breakwater has been recommended by the local community to allow for easier access to docking and support facilities and to improve water quality in the area.



### **Consequences of Not Maintaining the Project**

- Loss of jobs locally
- Loss of use by U.S. Coast Guard station
- Loss of recreational and charter fishing in the area
- Loss of highly utilized boat launch

### **Transportation Importance**

- This project serves as an important Harbor of Refuge as well as charter fishing and recreational navigation interests.
- This project provides access to Lake Superior for several governmental agencies with such functions as law enforcement, research, and search and rescue.
- Harbor is home to U.S. Coast Guard Station North Superior.
- Harbor is home to one of the remaining commercial fishing operations on Lake Superior.
- Harbor provides major recreational boat access.

**U.S. Army Corps of Engineers Fiscal Year (FY) 2015, 2016 and 2017  
Grand Marais Harbor, MN - 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						
Maintenance Dredging – Backlog Work Package						
Breakwater Repair By Contract	2,000		2,000		2,000	
<b>TOTAL</b>	<b>2,000</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>2,000</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>2,000</b>	<b>0</b>

**Congressional Interests**

- Representative Rick Nolan D-MN-8
- Senator Al Franken D-MN
- Senator Amy Klobuchar D-MN