



Inland Route, MI

Project Features

- The Inland Route is a series of interconnected lakes and streams stretching across the northern tip of the Lower Peninsula of Michigan, and extending from Conway near Lake Michigan to Cheboygan on Lake Huron. Crooked and Indian Rivers are connecting channels in the waterway.
- Authorization: River & Harbor Act of 3 Sep 1954
- Shallow draft recreational project
- Project depth is 5 feet
- Approximately 35 miles of maintained federal channel
- Crooked River lock and weir at Alanson, MI is operated by the State of Michigan under a recreational lease.
- Dredged material is placed at an upland site, currently operated by the State of Michigan under lease agreement.
- Major stakeholders include the Michigan DNR, numerous boating associations and marinas and the Michigan Boating Industries Association.

Project Requirements

- Critical repairs of electrical and mechanical components of the Crooked River lock were initiated in 2009 and completed in 2010 utilizing funding received in the American Recovery and Reinvestment Act of 2009.
- Recommended completion of an updated Section 216 initiative to revisit potential transfer ownership of the project to local entity.
- Requires periodic maintenance dredging on a 7 to 12 year cycle of approximately 10,000 cubic yards; the channel was last dredged in 1999.
- Maintenance dredging is currently required.



Consequences of Not Maintaining the Project

- Loss of jobs locally
- Loss of recreational and charter fishing in the area
- Loss of recreational boating access to Great Lakes
- Loss of safe harbor during storm events
- Potential safety issues for recreational boating community

Transportation Importance

- This project serves primarily charter fishing and recreational navigation interests.
- Local communities have established significant infrastructure around the project facilities that generates income from boaters and visitors to the area.

**U.S. Army Corps of Engineers Fiscal Year (FY) 2015, 2016 and 2017
Inland Route, 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	600		600		615	
Critical Structure Safety Maintenance					25	
Section 216 Activities	220		220		220	
TOTAL	820	0	820	0	860	0

Congressional Interests

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