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## Knife River Harbor, MN

### Harbor Features

- Located on the north shore of Lake Superior, near the mouth of the Knife River, about 18 miles northeast of Duluth, MN.
- Authorization: River & Harbor Acts of 2 Mar 1945, 3 Sep 1954, and 7 Mar 1974
- Shallow draft recreational harbor
- Project depths range between 8 and 10 feet
- Approximately 1,000 feet of maintained federal channel
- Approximately 215 foot rubble breakwater with a 30 foot timber crib on the end
- Major stakeholders include Lake County, town of Knife River, Knife River Marina, MNDNR and local boating interests.

### Project Requirements

- Requires periodic maintenance dredging on an infrequent basis. The harbor was last dredged in 1976 and currently requires maintenance dredging.
- MNDNR has identified a design deficiency of the outer breakwalls and has requested USACE reconfigure them to reduce/eliminate wave action in the entrance channel and inner harbor.
- Corrections for design deficiencies which result in unsatisfactory entrance and mooring conditions were authorized in the Water Resources Development Act (WRDA) of 1996 and 2007. With receipt of necessary appropriations, the Corps could complete the Limited Reevaluation Report (LRR) to determine recommended deficiency corrections.



### Consequences of Not Maintaining the Project

- Loss of important Harbor of Refuge
- Loss of jobs locally
- Loss of recreational and charter fishing in the area
- Negative economic impact locally and regionally
- Loss of commercial fishing

### Transportation Importance

- This project serves as an important Harbor of Refuge and supports charter fishing and recreational navigation interests.
- The local community has established a significant infrastructure around the harbor facilities that generates income from harbor users and visitors to the area.
- Harbor contains a mobile boat crane, with a lifting capability of 35 tons.
- Boat service work is performed in marina shop.

**U.S. Army Corps of Engineers Fiscal Year (FY) 2015, 2016 and 2017  
Knife River 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	150		150		150	
<b>TOTAL</b>	<b>150</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>150</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>150</b>	<b>0</b>

**Congressional Interests**

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