



Presque Isle Harbor, MI

Harbor Features

- Located on the south shore of Lake Superior near Marquette, MI.
- Authorization: River & Harbor Acts of 3 Jun 1896, 13 Jun 1902, 30 Aug 1935, 14 Jul 1960
- Deep draft commercial harbor
- Project depths of 30 feet in the approach, 28 feet in the inner basin
- 8.3M tons of material shipped and received in 2013
- Ranked 9th among the Great Lakes harbors
- Over 2,800 feet of breakwater
- Major stakeholders include Cleveland Cliffs Tilden, Empire Mines, Lafarge Construction Materials, and Lake Superior & Ishpeming Railroad.

Project Requirements

- Requirement for maintenance dredging limited to a 10 to 15 year cycle. The harbor was last dredged in 1984.
- The harbor currently requires maintenance dredging, and there are plans to dredge the harbor in 2016.
- Navigation structures are primarily maintained by the government floating plant.

Consequences of Not Maintaining the Project

- Reduction of bulk commodities that pass through the harbor that generate \$6.03B annually in business revenue while supporting 31,371 direct, indirect, and induced jobs that produce over \$433M per year in personal income in transportation and commodity related industries.



- If the harbor were closed to commercial traffic, commodities would have to be transported by rail. This would increase annual emission rates by over 97M lbs of harmful particulate matter (PM-10) and increase costs by \$3.2M due to increased railroad related accidents.
- Light loading; loss of between 1 and 2 feet of channel depth results in increased transportation costs of between \$22K and \$605K annually.
- Deterioration of breakwater would cause hazards to vessel navigation and mooring and endanger harbor infrastructure.

Transportation Importance

- Major receiving port on the Great Lakes
- Commodities include iron ore, coal, and limestone.

**U.S. Army Corps of Engineers Fiscal Year (FY) 2015, 2016 and 2017
Presque Isle 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	596		596	596	0	
Maintenance Dredging – Backlog Work Package	500		500			
TOTAL	1,096	0	1,096	596	0	0

Congressional Interests

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