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## Whitefish Point Harbor, MI

### Harbor Features

- Located on the south shore of Lake Superior, about 55 miles east of Grand Marais, MI and 40 miles west of Sault Ste. Marie, MI.
- Authorization: River & Harbor Act of 2 Mar 1945, 17 Aug 1967
- Shallow draft recreational harbor
- Project depth is 12 feet
- Approximately 8 acres of maintained federal channel
- More than 1,500 feet of breakwaters
- Dredged material is placed along the beach as beach nourishment.
- Major stakeholders include Michigan DNR, Great Lakes Shipwreck Historical Society, Native American fishermen, and a variety of sport fishing interests.

### Project Requirements

- Maintenance dredging of approximately 28,000 cubic yards is required every 2 to 6 years; the harbor was last dredged in 2010.
- Harbor currently in need of maintenance dredging.



### 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 Lake Superior
- Loss of safe harbor during storm events
- Potential safety issues for recreational boating community

### Transportation Importance

- This project serves as an important Harbor of Refuge and supports charter fishing and Native American navigation interests.
- 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  
Whitefish Point, MI - 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	300		300		305	
Critical Breakwater Safety Maintenance			25		25	
<b>TOTAL</b>	<b>300</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>325</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>330</b>	<b>0</b>

**Congressional Interests**

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