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## Black River Harbor, MI

### Harbor Features

- Located at the mouth of the Black River on the south shore of Lake Superior, 39 miles west of Ontonagon, MI and 47 miles east of Ashland, WI.
- Authorization: River & Harbor Act of 2 Mar 1945
- Shallow draft recreational harbor.
- Project depths range between 8 and 12 feet.
- Approximately 4,000 feet of maintained Federal channel.
- Approximately 1,300 feet of rubble mound breakwaters.
- Dredged material is placed along the beach as beach nourishment.
- Major stakeholders include US Forest Service, Michigan DNR, Gogebic County, US Coast Guard, Marina concessionaire, along with charter, recreational, and Native American fishing interests.

### Project Needs

- Requires periodic maintenance dredging on a three to five year cycle of approximately 5,000 cubic yards; the harbor was last dredged in 2008.
- Navigation structures are primarily maintained by Government floating plant.



### Consequences of Not Maintaining the Project

- Further shoaling will limit or cease recreational and transient boating.
- Loss of jobs locally.
- Loss of recreational and charter fishing in the area.

### Transportation Importance

- This project serves as an important Harbor of Refuge in a remote area of Lake Superior and supports 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.

**U.S. Army Corps of Engineers Fiscal Year (FY) 2008, 2009 and 2010  
Black River Harbor, MI - Project Needs and President's Budget (\$1,000)**

| <b>Work Package</b>                         | <b>FY08<br/>Need</b> | <b>FY08<br/>Allocation</b> | <b>FY09<br/>Need</b> | <b>FY09<br/>President's<br/>Budget</b> | <b>FY10<br/>Need</b> | <b>FY10<br/>Budget*</b> |
|---|----------------------|----------------------------|----------------------|--|----------------------|-------------------------|
| Project Condition Surveys                   | 20                   |                            | 20                   |  | 25                   |                         |
| Maintenance Dredging – Primary Work Package | 225                  |                            | 225                  |  | 245                  |                         |
|   |                      |                            |                      |  |                      |                         |
| <b>TOTALS</b>                               | <b>245</b>           | <b>0</b>                   | <b>245</b>           | <b>0</b>                               | <b>270</b>           |                         |

\*FY10 President's Budget will be available in February 2009.

**Congressional Interests**

- Senator Carl Levin D-MI
- Senator Debbie Stabenow D-MI
- Representative Bart Stupak D-MI-1