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Knife River Harbor, MN

Harbor Features

- Located on the north shore of Lake Superior at the mouth of the Knife River, about 18 miles northeast of Duluth, MN.
- Shallow draft recreational harbor.
- Authorization: River and Harbors Acts of 2 Mar 1945, 3 Sep 1954, and 7 Mar 1974.
- 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, and local boating interests.

Project Needs

- Requires periodic maintenance dredging on an infrequent basis. The harbor was last dredged in 1976.
- Navigation structures are primarily maintained by Government floating plant.
- Calculations based on September 2007 condition surveys show 3,700 cubic yards of shoaled material in the federal channel.



Consequences of Not Maintaining the Project

- Loss of jobs locally.
- Loss of recreational and charter fishing in the area.

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.

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

Work Package	FY08 Need	FY08 Allocation	FY09 Need	FY09 President's Budget	FY10 Need	FY10 Budget*
Project Condition Surveys			15		15	
Maintenance Dredging – Primary Work Package			120		120	
TOTALS	0	0	135	0	135	

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

Congressional Interests

- Representative James L. Oberstar DFL-MN-8
- Senator Norm Coleman R-MN
- Senator Amy Klobuchar R-MN