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Manistique Harbor, MI

Harbor Features

- Located on the north shore of Lake Michigan, 135 miles northeast of Green Bay, WI and 220 miles north of Milwaukee, WI
- Authorization: River & Harbor Acts of 3 Mar 1905, 2 Mar 1907, 17 May 1950.
- Authorized as a deep draft commercial harbor; harbor use is mixed commercial and recreational.
- Maintained depth is 12 feet; current commercial and recreational use of the harbor requires a minimum depth of 8 feet.
- Minimal reportable commerce in recent years.
- Nearly 3,000 feet of breakwater and pier structures and approximately 4,000 feet of maintained channel.
- Dredged material is placed in upland placement sites as needed.
- Established commercial operations, dependent upon the harbor, includes: Two (2) commercial fishing operations; tug-barge company providing fuels to Beaver Island; and a private recreational marina. Public recreational marine facilities, dependent upon the harbor, includes: the Manistique Municipal Marina and the Manistique River Boating Access Site.
- Major stakeholders include Manistique Papers, City of Manistique, Michigan DNR, Michigan DEQ, USEPA, commercial fishing enterprises, commodity barge operations, Beaver Island, Manistique Rentals Inc., charter and sports fishing interests, and recreational boating.
- Navigation structures are primarily maintained by Government floating plant.

Project Needs

- Infrequent maintenance dredging of the harbor is required; the harbor was last dredged in 1967; since the last federal dredging action, 41 years ago, annual river sediment



accumulation, and other actions, have caused extreme shoaling within the navigational channel limiting/ preventing access for commercial and recreational vessels.

Consequences of Not Maintaining the Project

- Loss of commercial fishing companies and commodity tug-barge service to Beaver Island.
- Loss of recreational boating facilities at the Manistique Marina (public) and the Northern Lights Marina (private).

Transportation Importance

- The harbor serves as a Harbor of Refuge and supports a variety of sport and charter fishing interests and public/private recreational boating facilities.
- The harbor further supports two commercial fishing companies and a tug-barge company providing gasoline, diesel and home heating fuels to Beaver Island.
- Harbor generates revenue locally and regionally from both commercial and public marine infrastructure located within the navigational channel.
- The harbor is the only vessel launching facility within an eighty mile radius on the northern Lake Michigan/Upper Peninsula shoreline capable of launching law enforcement and search and rescue vessels.

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**U.S. Army Corps of Engineers Fiscal Year (FY) 2008, 2009 and 2010
Manistique Harbor, MI - 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					50	
Maintenance Dredging – Primary Work Package					1,450	
TOTALS	0	0	0	0	1,500	

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

Congressional Interests

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