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## Ontonagon Harbor, MI

### Project Features

- Located about 140 miles east of Duluth, MN, on the south shore of Lake Superior, at the mouth of the Ontonagon River, MI.
- Authorization: River & Harbor Acts of 2 Mar 1867, 23 Jun 1874, 13 Jun 1902, 2 Mar 1907, 3 Mar 1909, 26 Aug 1937, Act of 1962.
- Deep draft commercial harbor.
- Maintained depths varying from 19 to 21 feet in the entrance and inner channels.
- 229,000 tons of material shipped or received in 2005.
- Over 4,800 feet of structures including piers and revetments.
- About 3/4 mile of maintained channel.
- Major stakeholders include U.S. Coast Guard, Lake Carriers' Association, Smurfit-Stone Container, and White Pine Power.

### Project Needs

- Approximately 40,000 cubic yards of material must be dredged each year; the harbor was last dredged in 2008.
- Navigation structures are primarily maintained by Government floating plant.



### Consequences of Not Maintaining the Project

- Significant loss of jobs both locally and regionally in an economically depressed area.
- Light loading; loss of between 1 and 2 feet of channel depth results in increased transportation costs of between \$370,000 and \$770,000 annually.

### Transportation Importance

- Locally significant receiving port on the Great Lakes. Harbor provides main economic catalyst for the area.
- Commodities include coal and lignite.

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

<b>Work Package</b>	<b>FY08 Need</b>	<b>FY08 Allocation</b>	<b>FY09 Need</b>	<b>FY09 President's Budget</b>	<b>FY10 Need</b>	<b>FY10 Budget*</b>
Project Condition Surveys	68	68	70	70	72	
Maintenance Dredging – Primary Work Package	575	527	585	585	600	
Maintenance Dredging – Backlog Work Package			142		114	
Repair of West Pier – by Govt. Floating Plant	450		450		450	
<b>TOTALS</b>	<b>1,093</b>	<b>595</b>	<b>1,247</b>	<b>655</b>	<b>1,236</b>	

\*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