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Port Austin Harbor, MI

Harbor Features

- Located on Lake Huron at the tip of the thumb of Michigan, about 80 miles northeast of Saginaw, MI
- Authorization: River & Harbor Act of 2 Mar 1945.
- Shallow draft recreational harbor.
- Project depth for the entrance channel is 12 feet and the harbor basin is 10 feet deep. Federal channel does not go further than mouth of Bird Creek.
- More than 2,300 feet of breakwaters.
- Dredged material is placed in an upland placement site.
- Major stakeholders include Michigan DNR marina, various sport fishing interests.

Project Needs

- Requires infrequent maintenance dredging of approximately 15,000 cubic yards; the harbor was last dredged in 2004.
- Shoaling currently present.
- Navigation structures are primarily maintained by Government floating plant.



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 as well as 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
Port Austin 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			36		40	
Maintenance Dredging – Primary Work Package			420		435	
Breakwater Safety Repairs – by Govt Floating Plant			300		315	
TOTALS	0	0	756	0	790	

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

Congressional Interests

- Representative Candice S. Miller R-MI-10
- Senator Carl Levin D-MI
- Senator Debbie Stabenow D-MI