

Big Bay Harbor, MI

Harbor Features

- Located on the south shore of Lake Superior, 33 miles northwest of Marquette, MI and 38 miles east of the Portage entry to the Keweenaw Waterway.
- Authorization: 1945 River & Harbor Act
- Shallow draft recreational harbor
- Project depths range between 8 and 12 feet
- Approximately 500 feet of maintained Federal channel
- More than 1,250 feet of maintained piers.
- Dredged material is placed along the beach as beach nourishment.
- Major stakeholders include the Michigan DNR, Marquette County Sportsman's Club, and various marinas.

Project Requirements

- Requires periodic maintenance dredging on a three to five year cycle of approximately 11,000 to 19,000 cubic yards; the harbor was last dredged in 2008.
- The harbor currently requires maintenance dredging.

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) 2011, 2012 and 2013
Big Bay Harbor, MI - Project Requirements and President's Budget (\$1,000)**

Work Package	FY11 Requirement	FY11 Work Plan	FY12 Requirement	FY12 Appropriation	FY13 Requirement	FY13 President's Budget
Project Condition Surveys			11		10	
Maintenance Dredging – Primary Work Package			210		210	
TOTALS	0	0	221	0	220	0

Congressional Interests

- Representative Dan Benishek R-MI-1
- Senator Carl Levin D-MI
- Senator Debbie Stabenow D-MI