



Cheboygan Harbor, MI

Harbor Features

- Located at the mouth of the Cheboygan River and empties into western Lake Huron approximately 16 miles southeast of the Straits of Mackinac.
- Authorization: River & Harbor Acts of 3 Jun 1896, 2 Mar 1907, 26 Aug 1937, 17 May 1950
- Deep draft commercial harbor
- Project depths of 21 feet in outer channel/turning basin, 18.5 feet above the turning basin and 8.5 feet above State Road Bridge.
- 120,000 tons of material shipped or received in 2008
- Approximately 775 feet of rubble mound breakwaters
- Approximately 12,000 feet of maintained channel
- Major stakeholders include U.S. Coast Guard, Lake Carriers' Association, U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service, Michigan DNR, Durocher Marine (division of Kokosing), Ryba Marine, BP Fuel Terminal, Shepler's Ferry, Plaunt Transportation, and Walstrom Marine.

Project Requirements

- Maintenance dredging required on a 10 to 20 year cycle; the harbor was last dredged in 1976.
- Dredging is currently required to eliminate balance of shoaling in the harbor.

Consequences of Not Maintaining the Project

- Light loading; loss of channel depth results in increased transportation costs.



Transportation Importance

- Significant receiving port on the Great Lakes
- Commodities shipped or received include gasoline, fuel oil, and slag.
- Home port of the U.S. Coast Guard's only U.S. heavy ice breaking resource, the cutter Mackinaw; the Mackinaw also plays a key role in buoy tending in spring and fall.
- Provides only ferry service to Bois Blanc Island; Marine bypass route for freight not permitted across Mackinac Bridge. Ferry carries people, cars, trucks, commodities and mail. Approximately 4-5 ferry trips are made daily from early spring through late fall.
- Harbor of Refuge
- Supports approximately 300 recreation boat slips
- Supports approximately 40 charter fishing boats
- Serves as gateway to 43 miles of inland waters that support a large amount of tourism in Cheboygan County.

**U.S. Army Corps of Engineers Fiscal Year (FY) 2011, 2012 and 2013
Cheboygan 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			24		24	
Maintenance Dredging – Primary Work Package						
Maintenance Dredging – Backlog Work Package	400		400		400	
TOTALS	400	0	424	0	424	0

Congressional Interests

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