



Knife River Harbor, MN

Harbor Features

- Located on the north shore of Lake Superior at the mouth of the Knife River, about 18 miles northeast of Duluth, MN.
- Authorization: River and Harbor Acts of 2 Mar 1945, 3 Sep 1954, and 7 Mar 1974
- Shallow draft recreational harbor
- Project depths range between 8 and 10 feet
- Approximately 1,000 feet of maintained Federal Channel
- Approximately 215 foot rubble breakwater with a 30 foot timber crib on the end
- Major stakeholders include Lake County, Town of Knife River, Knife River Marina, MNDNR and local boating interests.

Project Requirements

- Requires periodic maintenance dredging on an infrequent basis. The harbor was last dredged in 1976 and currently requires maintenance dredging.
- Local stakeholders and MNDNR have expressed concerns and would like to explore a reconfiguration of the navigation structures to better address wave conditions at the harbor.
- Corrections for design deficiencies which result in unsatisfactory entrance and mooring conditions were authorized in the Water Resources Development Act (WRDA) of 1996 and 2007. With receipt of necessary appropriations, the Corps could complete the Limited Reevaluation Report (LRR) to determine recommended deficiency corrections.



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
Knife River Harbor, MN - 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			15		15	
Maintenance Dredging – Primary Work Package			135		135	
TOTALS	0	0	150	0	150	0

Congressional Interests

- Representative Chip Cravaack R-MN-8
- Senator Al Franken D-MN
- Senator Amy Klobuchar D-MN