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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, 6 private marinas, Village of Port Austin Marina, Port Austin Township Marina, Huron County Park & Beach, and various sport fishing interests.

Project Requirements

- Requires infrequent maintenance dredging of approximately 15,000 cubic yards on a 10 to 15 year cycle; the harbor was last dredged in 2010.

Consequences of Not Maintaining the Project

- Loss of jobs locally
- Loss of recreational and charter fishing in the area; harbor supports 12 charter fishing boats.
- Federal breakwaters protect the Michigan DNR Marina, and Huron County's Bird Creek Park and public beach.
- Reduction or loss of handicap access
- Potential safety issues for recreational boating community



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.
- Supports 100 recreational boat slips; the State of Michigan installed new dock facilities in 2010.

**U.S. Army Corps of Engineers Fiscal Year (FY) 2011, 2012 and 2013
Port Austin 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						
Maintenance Dredging – Primary Work Package						
Breakwater Safety Repairs – by contract (Sec C&D)						
TOTALS	0	0	0	0	0	0

Congressional Interests

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