



## Washington Island, WI

### Harbor Features

- Located about 2 miles to the northeast of the tip of the Door Peninsula in Wisconsin.
- Authorization: River & Harbor Act of 26 August 1937
- Two recreational harbors – Detroit Harbor and Jackson Harbor
- Maintained depth of Detroit Harbor is 14 feet and Jackson Harbor is 12 feet.
- Approximately 4,000 feet of maintained Federal channel
- Major stakeholders include the Washington Island Ferry Line, U.S. Coast Guard, and a variety of charter and sport fishing interests.

### Project Requirements

- Requires infrequent maintenance dredging. The harbor was last dredged in 1939.
- The entrance channel to Detroit Harbor is presently at or near its authorized project depth. However, since the channel was originally dredged (1939) the Washington Island Ferry Line has consistently updated and increased the size of its ferries to meet the growing requirements of commerce to the Island. Consequently, the current largest ferries have drafts of 12 feet plus, depending upon loaded cargo. This results in unsafe transits for the ferries during times of low lake levels or adverse weather conditions.
- To satisfy the requirements of the larger ferries, it would be required to deepen the Federal navigation channel at Detroit Harbor to an authorized project depth of 16', requiring a change to the project authorization in WRDA. The estimated cost of deepening is \$8-10M. It is believed that the current 12' project depth at Jackson Harbor is adequate.



### Consequences of Not Maintaining the Project

- Loss of jobs locally
- Loss of recreational and charter fishing in the area
- Loss of only commercial transportation option to the mainland
- Loss of emergency and all essential services to the local community.

### Transportation Importance

- Subsistence Harbor - This harbor provides all essential services to the town. It is vital to emergency services and schools.
- 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  
Washington Island, WI - Project Requirements and President's Budget (\$1,000)**

<b>Work Package</b>	<b>FY11 Requirement</b>	<b>FY11 Work Plan</b>	<b>FY12 Requirement</b>	<b>FY12 Appropriation</b>	<b>FY13 Requirement</b>	<b>FY13 President's Budget</b>
Project Condition Surveys						
Maintenance Dredging – Primary Work Package						
E&D for maintenance dredging						
<b>TOTALS</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>0</b>

**Congressional Interests**

- Representative Reid Ribble R-WI-8
- Senator Ron Johnson R-WI
- Senator Herb Kohl D-WI