



## 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.
- Five year average (2006-2010) tonnage is 146,000 tons of material shipped and received
- Ranked 56<sup>th</sup> among the Great Lakes Harbors based on five year average (2006-2010) tonnage
- 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, U.S. Oil Fuel Terminal, Shepler's Ferry, Plaunt Transportation, Walstrom Marine, Arkona, LLC, TherCom Inc., Moran Iron Works, and Cheboygan Dive Center.

### 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. Shoaling is impacting U.S. Coast Guard operations in the harbor.



### Consequences of Not Maintaining the Project

- Light loading; loss of channel depth results in increased transportation costs.
- Narrowing of the maintained channel increases risk of vessel groundings in offshore approach channel.
- Not maintaining the project could negatively affect U.S. Coast Guard and Homeland Security operations within the harbor.

### Transportation Importance

- Significant receiving port on the Great Lakes
- Commodities shipped or received include sand, gravel, crushed stone, gasoline, fuel oil, and slag.
- Home port of the U.S. Coast Guard's only U.S. heavy ice breaking resource, the cutter Mackinaw, which is essential to keeping navigable waterways open in late fall/early winter and spring on the Great Lakes. The Mackinaw also plays a key role in buoy tending in spring and fall.

**Transportation Importance (cont.)**

- 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

**Transportation Importance**

- Supports approximately 40 charter fishing boats and approximately 300 recreation boat slips
- Supports scuba diving training and shipwreck diving excursions.
- 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) 2012, 2013 and 2014  
Cheboygan Harbor, MI - Project Requirements and President's Budget (\$1,000)**

<b>Work Package</b>	<b>FY12 Requirement</b>	<b>FY12 Appropriation</b>	<b>FY13 Requirement</b>	<b>FY13 President's Budget</b>	<b>FY14 Requirement</b>	<b>FY14 President's Budget</b>
Project Condition Surveys	24		24		24	
Maintenance Dredging – Primary Work Package			600		600	
Maintenance Dredging – Backlog Work Package	400		400		400	
<b>TOTALS</b>	<b>424</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>1,024</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>1,024</b>	<b>0</b>

**Congressional Interests**

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