



Inland Route, MI

Project Features

- The Inland Route is a series of interconnected lakes and streams stretching across the northern tip of the Lower Peninsula of Michigan, and extending from Conway near Lake Michigan to Cheboygan on Lake Huron. Crooked and Indian Rivers are connecting channels in the waterway.
- Authorization: River & Harbor Act of 3 Sep 1954
- Shallow draft recreational project
- Project depth is 5 feet
- Approximately 35 miles of maintained Federal channel
- Crooked River lock and weir at Alanson, MI.
- Dredged material is placed at an upland site, currently operated by the State of Michigan under lease agreement.
- Major stakeholders include the Michigan DNR, numerous boating associations and marinas and the Michigan Boating Industries Association.

Project Requirements

- Critical repairs of electrical and mechanical components of the Crooked River lock were initiated in 2009 and completed in 2010 utilizing funding received in the American Recovery and Reinvestment Act of 2009.
- Recommended completion of Section 216 initiative to transfer ownership of the project to local entity.
- Requires periodic maintenance dredging on a 7 to 12 year cycle of approximately 10,000 cubic yards; the channel was last dredged in 1999.
- Latest condition survey showed minimal shoaling.



Consequences of Not Maintaining the Project

- Loss of jobs locally
- Loss of recreational and charter fishing in the area
- Loss of recreational boating access to Great Lakes
- Loss of safe harbor during storm events
- Potential safety issues for recreational boating community

Transportation Importance

- This project serves primarily charter fishing and recreational navigation interests.
- Local communities have established significant infrastructure around the project facilities that generates income from boaters and visitors to the area.

**U.S. Army Corps of Engineers Fiscal Year (FY) 2012, 2013 and 2014
Inland Route, MI - Project Requirements and President's Budget (\$1,000)**

Work Package	FY12 Requirement	FY12 Appropriation	FY13 Requirement	FY13 President's Budget	FY14 Requirement	FY14 President's Budget
Project Condition Surveys						
Maintenance Dredging – Primary Work Package						
Section 216 Activities	220		220		220	
TOTALS	220	0	220	0	220	0

Congressional Interests

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