



Ontonagon Harbor, MI

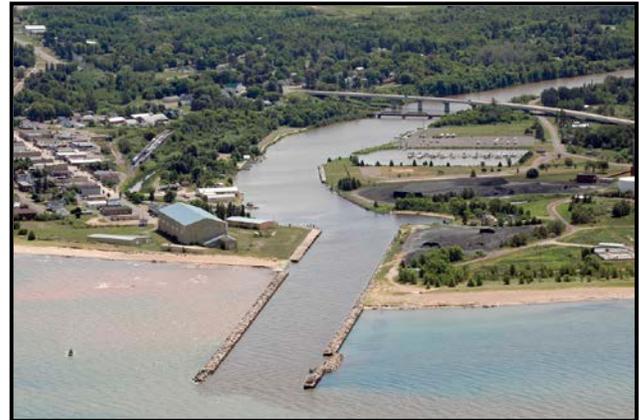
Project Features

- Located about 140 miles east of Duluth, MN, on the south shore of Lake Superior, at the mouth of the Ontonagon River, MI.
- Authorization: River & Harbor Acts of 2 Mar 1867, 23 Jun 1874, 13 Jun 1902, 2 Mar 1907, 3 Mar 1909, 26 Aug 1937, Act of 1962
- Deep draft commercial harbor
- Project depth is 23 feet in the entrance channel in Lake Superior, 22 feet in the inner harbor channel, 30 feet in the sedimentation basin, and 21 feet at western upstream portion of the channel
- Five year average (2006-2010) tonnage is 150,000 tons of material shipped and received
- Ranked 55th among the Great Lakes Harbors based on five year average (2006-2010) tonnage
- Over 4,800 feet of structures including piers and revetments
- About 3/4 mile of maintained channel
- Major stakeholders include U.S. Coast Guard, Lake Carriers' Association, Smurfit-Stone Container, and White Pine Power.

Project Requirements

- Approximately 40,000 cubic yards of material must be dredged each year; the harbor was last dredged in 2011.
- Maintenance dredging is currently required within the harbor.
- The West Pier is currently in need of minor repairs.

NOTE: The harbor's primary user, Smurfit-Stone Container has ceased operations. At this time, it is unclear if the plant will re-open under new ownership. Consequently, future maintenance dredging will be dependent upon harbor conditions and confirmation of continuing commercial navigation requirement.



Consequences of Not Maintaining the Project

- Significant loss of jobs both locally and regionally in an already economically depressed area.
- Failure to dredge will result in continued shoaling and reduced channel dimensions.

Transportation Importance

- Locally significant receiving port on the Great Lakes. Harbor provides main economic catalyst for the area.
- Harbor of Refuge
- Commodities include coal and lignite

**U.S. Army Corps of Engineers Fiscal Year (FY) 2012, 2013 and 2014
Ontonagon Harbor, 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	48		50		50	
Maintenance Dredging – Primary Work Package	660		690		700	
TOTALS	708	0	740	0	750	0

Congressional Interests

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