



Whitefish Point Harbor, MI

Harbor Features

- Located on the south shore of Lake Superior, about 55 miles east of Grand Marais, MI and 40 miles west of Sault Ste. Marie, MI.
- Authorization: River & Harbor Act of 2 Mar 1945, 17 Aug 1967
- Shallow draft recreational harbor
- Project depth is 12 feet
- Approximately 8 acres of maintained Federal channel
- More than 1,500 feet of breakwaters
- Dredged material is placed along the beach as beach nourishment.
- Major stakeholders include Michigan DNR, Great Lakes Shipwreck Historical Society, Native American fishermen, and a variety of sport fishing interests.

Project Requirements

- Maintenance dredging of approximately 28,000 cubic yards is required every 2 to 6 years; the harbor was last dredged in 2010 using Michigan regional dredging provision funding.



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 Lake Superior
- Loss of safe harbor during storm events
- Potential safety issues for recreational boating community

Transportation Importance

- This project serves as an important Harbor of Refuge and supports charter fishing and Native American 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) 2012, 2013 and 2014
Whitefish Point, 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						
TOTALS	0	0	0	0	0	0

Congressional Interests

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