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Ontonagon Harbor, MI

Project Features

- Located about 140 miles east of Duluth, MN, on the south shore of Lake Superior, at mouth of the Ontonagon River, MI.
- Deep draft commercial harbor.
- Depths varying from 19 to 21 feet below LWD in entrance and inner channels.
- 130,000 tons of material shipped or received in 2004.
- 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, White Pine Power.



- Light loading; loss of between 1 and 2 feet of channel depth results in increased transportation costs of between \$370,000 and \$770,000 annually.

Project Needs

- Approximately 40,000 cubic yards of material must be dredged each year.
- Navigation structures are primarily maintained by Government floating plant.

Transportation Importance

- Locally significant receiving port on the Great Lakes.
- Commodities include coal and lignite.

Consequences of Not Maintaining the Project

- Significant loss of jobs both locally and regionally in an economically depressed area.

U.S. Army Corps of Engineers Fiscal Year (FY) 2007 and 2008 Ontonagon Harbor, MI Project Needs and President's Budget

Work Package	FY07 Need	FY07 Budget	Δ	FY08 Need	FY08 Budget*
Operations	31	31		68	
CDF					
Maintenance Dredging	520	520		575	
Structural Repairs				450	
Environmental Activities					
TOTALS	551	551	0	1,093	

* FY08 President's Budget will not be available until February 2007