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Ohio Shallow Draft Harbors

Appropriation Category: Operations and Maintenance

Congressional Interests:

Representative Marcy Kaptur D-OH-9

Senator Rob Portman R-OH

Senator Sherrod Brown D-OH

Work Package	FY18 Requirement	FY18 Appropriation	FY19 Requirement	FY19 Appropriation	FY20 Requirement	FY20 President's Budget
Cooley Canal, Maintenance Dredging			800			
Cooley Canal, Sediment Sampling & Analysis			79		65	
Port Clinton Harbor, Sediment Sampling & Analysis					70	
Port Clinton Harbor, Federal Standard Determination						
Put-In-Bay Harbor, Sediment Sampling & Analysis/Federal Standard Determination			84		70	
Rocky River Harbor, Maintenance Dredging			800		800	
Rocky River Harbor, Sediment Sampling & Analysis/Preliminary Assessment	25		109		60	
Vermilion Harbor, Maintenance Dredging			800		800	
Vermilion Harbor, West Pier Repair			200		200	
Vermilion Harbor, Sediment Sampling & Analysis/Preliminary Assessment	25		114		70	
Vermilion Harbor, East Pier Repair			200		200	
TOTALS	50		3,186		2,335	

Current Condition: Several Ohio shallow draft harbors are in serious need of maintenance dredging and/or navigation structure repair. Lack of maintenance at these harbors will lead to increased shoaling and structure deterioration resulting in limited usage and/or unsafe navigation conditions within the harbor and navigation channels.

Background: Shallow draft harbors within Ohio include Cooley Canal, Port Clinton, Put-In-Bay, Rocky River, Toussaint, Vermilion, and West Harbors. Shallow draft harbors are for recreational purposes, with no defined commercial traffic. These projects generally consist of a shallow channel (4–14 feet deep) and a relatively small system of breakwaters and/or piers.



Significance: The Ohio shallow draft harbors help to support the regional economy by providing an additional source of revenue, jobs, and income to the area. The harbors support recreational interests and numerous regionally significant businesses interests. Major business interests include marinas, charter fishing, tourism, and gasoline and marine product sales. In addition, all of the harbors serve as designated harbors of refuge which provide refuge to water crafts during severe lake storms.