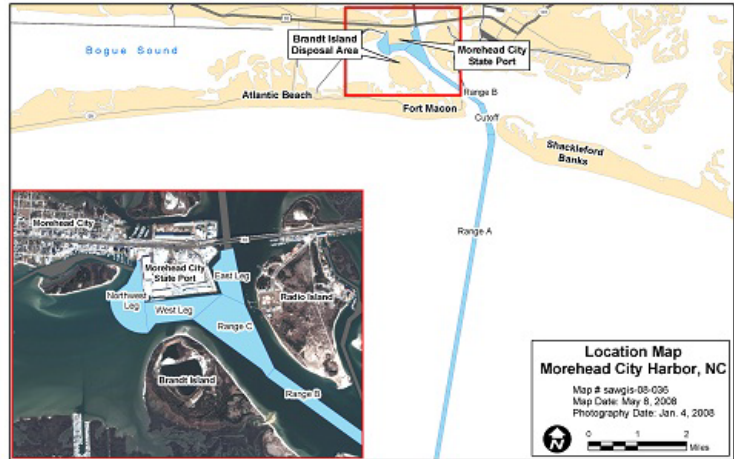




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## Morehead City Harbor, NC (Navigation) (O&M)

- **Sponsor: State of North Carolina**
- **Maintenance dredging of Morehead City Harbor with placement of dredge material to the adjacent shoreline, near-shore and off-shore placement areas**
- **FY 2022 Ocean Bar dredging event will dredge 890 thousand cubic yards of material with placement in the near-shore (715 kCY) and ODMDS (175 kCY)**



CONGRESSIONAL DISTRICT: NC 3

DATE: 01 APRIL 2022

1. **AUTHORIZATION:** River and Harbor Acts of 1958 and 1970, and Section 101 of Water Resources Development Act of 1992.
2. **LOCATION AND DESCRIPTION:** This navigation project is located at Morehead City (MHC), in Carteret County, midway along the North Carolina coast approximately 10 miles west of Cape Lookout. The project consists of a 47 feet deep by 450 to 600 feet wide entrance channel from the deep water in the Atlantic Ocean to the Beaufort Inlet gorge; a channel 45 feet deep by 400 to 600 feet wide from Beaufort Inlet gorge to the east facing berthing facilities of the North Carolina State Ports Authority (NCSPA); and a channel 35 feet deep with varying widths to the south and west facing NCSPA berthing facilities.
3. **FY 2021 FEDERAL FUNDING ALLOCATION:** \$7,055,000 (includes supplemental and work plan funds)
4. **FY 2022 PRESIDENT'S BUDGET:** \$8,340,000. Final Bill: \$8,340,000. Funds are being used for routine operation and maintenance in support of navigation. Infrastructure Investment and Jobs Act funds in the amount of \$30,000 are being used for turbidity monitoring.
5. **FY 2022 WORK PLAN:** TBD.
6. **FY 2023 PRESIDENT'S BUDGET:** \$24,919,000. These funds will be used for operation and maintenance dredging of the Inner Harbor, Inner Ocean Bar, and Outer Ocean Bar. Funds in the amount of \$1,000,000 could be used for additional maintenance activities for full project authorized dimensions.

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7. **ISSUE AND/OR STATUS:** In the past three fiscal years (FY2020, FY 2021 & FY 2022), funding has allowed for advanced maintenance dredging of this deep draft harbor. USACE is planning a FY 2023 hopper dredge solicitation to dredge the Ocean Bar, as part of the South Atlantic Division Regional Harbor Dredge Contract.
  
8. **OTHER INFORMATION:** USACE has coordinated with North Carolina resource agencies and received a conditional consistency determination to dredge entrance channels for three years with no environmental windows as part of implementing the FY 2020 South Atlantic Regional Biological Opinion. Coordination with the National Marine Fisheries Service Environmental Fish Habitat is ongoing and is scheduled to be complete in summer of 2023. This coordination will maximize flexibility for the recurring Ocean Bar dredging contract.