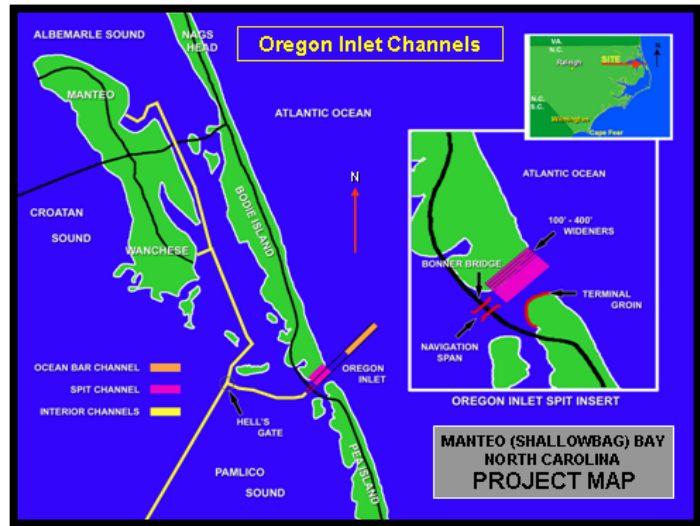




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Manteo (Shallowbag) Bay, NC (Navigation) (O&M)

- **Sponsor: State of North Carolina**
- **Oregon Inlet continues to be a difficult project feature to provide adequate depths for safe navigation year-round.**
- **FY 2023 funding will be used for maintenance dredging including the award of a contract for dredging Oregon Inlet channels in FY 2024.**



CONGRESSIONAL DISTRICT: NC 3

DATE: 10 MARCH 2023

1. **AUTHORIZATION:** River and Harbor Acts of 1910, 1940, 1950 and 1970; and under Section 107 of the 1960 River and Harbor Act, as amended.
2. **LOCATION AND DESCRIPTION:** The project is located along the outer banks portion of Dare County, North Carolina. The project provides for an entrance channel 14 feet deep by 400 feet wide from the Atlantic Ocean through Oregon Inlet, and under the Herbert C. Bonner bridge, a 14-ft deep by 400-ft advanced maintenance widener adjacent to the entrance channel, and project interior channels 12 feet deep by 100 feet wide from Oregon Inlet to Pamlico Sound, Wanchese Harbor, Shallowbag Bay Harbor and Albemarle Sound. The length of all channels is 25.4 miles.
3. **FY 2022 FEDERAL FUNDING ALLOCATION:** \$9,696,000. This amount included \$2,296,000 in President's Budget funding, \$6,400,000 in FY 2022 Bipartisan Infrastructure Law funding and \$1,000,000 in FY22 Disaster Relief Supplemental Appropriation Act funding.
4. **FY 2023 FEDERAL FUNDING ALLOCATION:** \$7,265,000. These funds are being used to perform hydrographic surveys and maintenance dredging of Oregon Inlet including the award of contract in FY 2024 for dredging Oregon Inlet channels. Funds in the amount of \$7,265,000 included \$5,845,000 in Congressionally Directed Spending (CDS) & Community Project Funding (CPF).
5. **FY 2024 PRESIDENT'S BUDGET:** \$1,050,000. These funds will be used for hydrographic condition surveys and maintenance dredging of critical shoals within Oregon Inlet channels. Funds in the amount of \$6,396,000 could be used to perform the following channel maintenance dredging of Oregon Inlet, a critical harbor of refuge:

PROJECT INFORMATION - Manteo (Shallowbag) Bay, NC (Navigation) (O&M) – Continued

Work Description	Amount
Maintenance Dredging - Ocean Bar – Dredging	\$5,621,000
Maintenance Dredging - Manteo Entrance Channel - Dredging Government Plant	\$775,000
Total	\$6,396,000

6. **CURRENT PROJECT CONDITIONS:** The Oregon Inlet Ocean Bar and the areas just west of the new Marc Basnight Bridge are now the most problematic with navigable depths of no more than 4 to 5 feet under natural conditions. State gratuitous funds have financed regular maintenance dredging since 2016, resulting in improved channel depths of 6 to 10 feet.

7. **OTHER INFORMATION:** The state of North Carolina and USACE executed a multi-year, multi-project memorandum of agreement in FY 2014 to use state and local funds to perform additional maintenance dredging of many of the coastal harbors and waterways. This agreement was amended FY 2016 for a period of ten years, expiring at the end of FY 2026. The state of North Carolina, in conjunction with Dare County has provided gratuitous funds over the years which have been used for maintenance dredging of the Oregon Inlet by the special purpose dredge MURDEN and CURRITUCK.

Through a public-private partnership, Dare County has built their own special purpose dredge, MISS KATIE, that is also completing maintenance dredging at Oregon Inlet.

Please refer to the Manteo (Shallowbag) Bay, NC, Oregon Inlet Jetties (Navigation) (Investigations) factsheet for information about the WDRA 2022 Section 8201 (a) (74) authorization to conduct a navigation feasibility study for Oregon Inlet, NC.