LOCATION AND DESCRIPTION: The Harbor is located in Ventura County, approximately 65 miles northwest of the City of Los Angeles. Project elements consist of an Entrance Channel, Sand Traps, three Jetties, South Beach Groin, and a Detached Breakwater. Ventura Harbor fish landings total $11.3 million (2015, CA DFG), including 20 million pounds ($5.5 million) by the largest squid fishing fleet on the West Coast, all of which is exported. Ventura Harbor is also home to the Channel Islands National Park Visitor Center, whose fleet services the five islands in the park and provides education, recreation, and research support. The Harbor also supports law enforcement and search and rescue missions in the area. The Harbor is dredged every year and all dredged materials are placed on down coast beaches for beneficial reuse.

AUTHORIZATION: Rivers and Harbors Act of 1965

ACTIVITIES FOR FY 2020: Funding will be used to perform Hydro Surveys, Maintenance Dredging, and Supervision & Administration (S&A).

FY21 PLANNED ACCOMPLISHMENTS: Funds could be used to perform Hydro Surveys, Maintenance Dredging, Engineering & Design (E&D), Supervision & Administration (S&A).

ISSUES AND OTHER INFORMATION: It is anticipated that approximately 450,000 cubic yards of material will be removed in FY20. Littoral Transport, storm activity, and wave action cause material to shoal in the Entrance Channel and Sand Traps. Annual dredging of the Harbor is critical. Without maintenance dredging, the Harbor will experience shoaling at the Entrance and create a hazard to navigation.

CONGRESSIONAL INTEREST: Congresswoman Brownley (CA-26)