

**Thunder Bay National Marine Sanctuary
Draft Management Plan**

- March 24, 2009 Public Meeting Minutes-

Date: March 24, 2009

Time: 6:30 p.m.

Location: Great Lakes Maritime Heritage Center, Alpena, MI

MEETING ATTENDEES

NOAA: Jeff Gray, Tera Panknin, Ellen Brody, Cathy Green, Wayne Lusardi, Chuck Bennett, and Sarah Waters

State of Michigan: None

SAC Members and Alternates: Steve Kroll, Karen Tetzlaff, Shari Davis, Ken Gauthier, Chuck LeFevbre, Bill Estlack, Carl Bourdelais, Chuck Wiesen, Jim Dessenberg, Dennis Bodem, Mike Lakin, Joe Sobczak, Don Beem, and Jerry Meek

Public: John O'Shea, Harold Chase, John Milroy, Barb Meek, and Richard Houchin

Media: Patti Ramus, *The Alpena News* and Mark Coffee, *WBKB*

PUBLIC COMMENTS:

Bill Estlack:

I have three letters of support from Alpena County Commissioners (see written comments).

Jerry Meek:

I'm interested in boat building. I know this is a 5 year plan, but we could nail the date for a boat building facility down in the next five years.

Barbara Meek:

Is the youth advisory committee in this report? I appreciate that and I hope it will go forward.

Chuck LeFevbre:

Having been involved in management plans, it's very comprehensive in terms of facility and programs. I'm very impressed and glad to be a part of it. I will do what it takes to make it come to fruition. I hope I'm here for the next plan.

Dennis Bodem (submitted comments in writing):

The plan is lucid and succinct and the result of many hours of work. Look at the present knowledge of the professional staff as enthusiasts to implement the plan.

Joe Sobczak:

I've already commented on the lack of mention of the Michigan Underwater Preserve Committee

in strategies.

Steve Kroll:

Thanks to everyone who worked on it. I asked for help from the outside on a few issues and gathered input from outside people. The plan is off the beaten path. It's like what we do in Northeast Michigan. We're creative. It's a readable document. I'm proud of what we've put together. We may need to get some things in there that may have been omitted. It's a living document. There were attempts to revise it and it is created to be that way. Thanks everybody. We got that done, not as expediently as I hoped, but we did it in record time. By April 10th, it will be off our plates and in a new arena. We can all put our signatures on it.

Adjourned: 6:53 p.m.