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Jeff Gray, Sanctuary Superintendent
Thunder Bay National Marine Sanctuary
500 W. Fletcher Street
Alpena, MI 49707

Dear Mr. Gray:

I write on behalf of the Alpena Area Chamber of Commerce Board of Directors to show support for the proposed boundary expansion for the Thunder Bay National Marine Sanctuary and Underwater Preserve to include waters off Alpena, Alcona, and Presque Isle Counties.

The boundary expansion will have significant positive impact on the understanding and research of our maritime heritage by enabling utilization of increased federal financial resources and greater coordination of federal, state and local resources including law enforcement to monitor and enhance maritime heritage protection. The expansion will also allow increased educational programming for the public. Residents and visitors alike in all counties will have greater awareness and understanding of the area's maritime heritage.

The impacts of a boundary expansion fit directly into the Chamber's Mission of advancing the economic development and community's quality of life; therefore, we give our full support for boundary expansion for the Thunder Bay National Marine Sanctuary and Underwater Preserve.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "Jackie A. Krawczak". The signature is written in a cursive, flowing style.

Jackie Krawczak
Executive Director