



**AuGres Area Chamber of Commerce**  
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Jeff Gray, Sanctuary Superintendent  
Thunder Bay National Marine Sanctuary  
500 W. Fletcher Street  
Alpena, MI 49707

Dear Mr. Gray:

This letter is being sent from Au Gres Area Chamber of Commerce through the US 23 Heritage Route 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 expansion of these boundaries will have significant positive impact on the understanding and research of our maritime heritage by enabling utilization of increased federal financial resources, along with increasing educational programming for the public. Residents and visitors will have greater awareness and understanding of the area's maritime heritage.

Thank you for all your work on this project and let the Au Gres Area Chamber of Commerce know if there is anything we can further do to support this effort.

Sincerely,

Sandra Metzger,  
Chamber President