

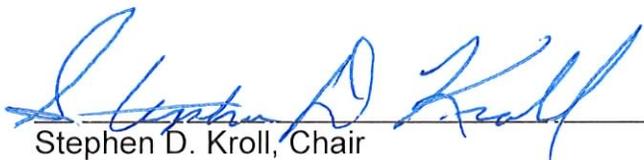
**Thunder Bay National Marine Sanctuary and Underwater Preserve
Sanctuary Advisory Council Resolution 2007-1**

The Sanctuary Advisory Council (SAC) of the Thunder Bay National Marine Sanctuary and Underwater Preserve (TBNMS&UP) recommends expansion of the boundaries of the sanctuary to an approximate 3,662 square mile area bounded by the Presque Isle/Cheboygan County line on the north; the Alcona/Iosco County line on the south; and the international border with Canada on the east.

The primary rationale for this recommendation is preservation and protection of maritime heritage resources. The expanded sanctuary boundary is based on density of known and undiscovered resources; the historical, archeological, and recreational significance of individual and collective resources; the maritime landscape; and the practicality of managing resources in a three county area.

Establishing the boundaries to the optimal territory is recommended as soon as feasible to afford the greatest protection and oversight possible to preserve the underwater cultural heritage of shipwrecks and other artifacts in Lake Huron offshore of the tri-county area. Preservation activities may be prioritized to protect the most sensitive, vulnerable, or significant shipwrecks and other artifacts, regardless of their location within the expanded boundaries. Programming, buoys, signage, and other amenities will be expanded to Alcona and Presque Isle counties as funding and staffing allow.

Adopted this 22nd day of May, 2007 by a majority voice vote.


Stephen D. Kroll, Chair


Date