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

Dear Mr. Gray:

I am writing on behalf of the board of directors of Michigan's Sunrise Side to acknowledge our enthusiastic support for the expansion of the Thunder Bay National Marine Sanctuary to include the waters off Alpena, Alcona and Presque Isle Counties. The Management Council approved a resolution of support at their December 7, 2006 meeting in Alpena.

We feel that expansion of the sanctuary would provide increased protection of historically significant resources, and would further enhance preservation and promotion of maritime heritage along the coastline of Michigan's Sunrise Side. Expansion of the sanctuary would also provide a greater opportunity for the development of tourism and education, as well as strengthening the economy of Northeast Michigan.

Because of this, we appeal to you to expand your boundary.

Thank you for your time.

Sincerely;

Thomas G. Ferguson  
Chairman  
US-23 Sunrise Side Coastal Highway  
Management Council