

## **Roles of the Thunder Bay National Marine Sanctuary Advisory Council Seats**

The descriptions below were developed to help potential applicants understand what would be expected of them if they are chosen for a seat on the Advisory Council and to help NOAA and the State of Michigan select the best possible candidates.

### **All Seats**

- Ability and willingness to communicate with the spectrum of users or stakeholders the seat represents
- Understanding the links between the constituents and/or the uses the seat represents and the sanctuary resources
- Commitment and availability to attend six advisory council meetings annually
- Opportunity to chair or participate in advisory council working groups or subcommittees

### **Education – elementary, junior high, or high school**

- Affiliation with elementary, junior high, or high school educational institutions or organizations in the sanctuary region
- Direct experience with Great Lakes education programs

### **Higher Education**

- Affiliation with higher education institutions or organizations in the sanctuary region
- Direct experience with Great Lakes education programs

### **Tourism/Recreation**

- Familiarity and affiliation with the travel/tourism industry in communities near the sanctuary
- Affiliation with organizations representing recreational users (including but not limited to recreational boating, kayaking, and swimming) within the sanctuary region
- Experience and/or knowledge regarding recreational uses of and activities within the sanctuary region

### **Business/Economic Development**

- Familiarity and affiliation with business/economic development organizations, small business owners, or industry in communities near the sanctuary
- Understanding of the links between local business, sanctuary resources, and human activities

### **Maritime Industry/Business**

- Familiarity and affiliation with Great Lakes related business and industries

### **Diving (including snorkeling)**

- Affiliation with individual divers, diving organizations, dive charters, and other dive businesses within the sanctuary region
- Breadth of experience and knowledge regarding diving law, safety, and practices within the sanctuary region

**Fishing** (recreational, charter and/or commercial)

- Affiliation with individual fishers, fishing organizations, charters and/or businesses within the sanctuary region
- Breadth of experience and knowledge regarding fisheries law, policies, and practices within the sanctuary region

**Citizen-at-Large**

- Familiarity with communities close to the sanctuary
- Experience and/or knowledge regarding Great Lakes maritime heritage, particularly underwater cultural resource in the sanctuary region
- Experience and/or knowledge regarding public uses and activities within the sanctuary region
- Freedom to express views and cast votes without consideration of any expectations held by an employer or other organization with which the member is affiliated