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NOAA's Thunder Bay National Marine Sanctuary Seeks Applicants for Advisory Council

NOAA's Thunder Bay National Marine Sanctuary is seeking applicants to fill four primary seats and one alternate position on its advisory council, which ensures public participation in sanctuary management and provides advice to the sanctuary superintendent.

The sanctuary will select new members for seats in higher education, recreation, fishing (recreational, charter or commercial) and citizen-at-large, as well as a business-economic development alternate. Members and alternates serve as volunteers for three-year terms, pursuant to the council's charter. The council meets bi-monthly at the Great Lakes Maritime Heritage Center in Alpena, Mich.

Council members will be selected based on their expertise and experience in relation to the seat for which they are applying. Considerations include availability and commitment to active participation, community and professional affiliations, views regarding the conservation and management of marine resources, and length of residence in the sanctuary area.

Advisory council member applications are due by March 31. Application packages are available at the sanctuary's Web site, <http://thunderbay.noaa.gov/management/council>. For more information, contact Jean Prevo at 989-356-8805, ext.13 or jean.prevo@noaa.gov. Completed applications must be submitted to Thunder Bay National Marine Sanctuary, 500 W. Fletcher Street, Alpena, MI 49707, or by fax at 989-354-0144.

Thunder Bay National Marine Sanctuary, designated in October 2000, boasts an impressive array of underwater cultural resources, including numerous shipwrecks. The area contains a nationally significant collection of an estimated 160 shipwrecks that spans over two centuries of Great Lakes shipping history. Thunder Bay National Marine Sanctuary covers 448 square miles in northern Lake Huron near Alpena.

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Thunder Bay National Marine Sanctuary: <http://thunderbay.noaa.gov>