

## **PROPOSED LAKE ONTARIO NATIONAL MARINE SANCTUARY**

### **ADVISORY COUNCIL**

*Meeting #15 - VIRTUAL*

Thursday, April 21, 2022

### **MEETING SUMMARY - FINAL**

#### **Welcome – Katie Malinowski**

Katie Malinowski called the meeting to order at 6 p.m. EST and welcomed everyone to meeting #15. Bill Crist was unable to make the meeting.

#### **Old Business – Katie Malinowski**

A motion was put forward to approve the January 2022 advisory council meeting minutes. Motion to approve by Bob Morgan and seconded by Gail Smith.

#### **New York State Presentation Introduction – Katie Malinowski**

Katie introduced Nancy Herter, Director, Technical Preservation Services at the Division of Historic Preservation at OPRHD (by phone), Christina Reith, New York State Museum, state archaeologist and co-director of the cultural resources survey program, and Michael Lucas, curator of historical archaeology. Great to have NY state presenting tonight information and really important for the SAC to understand the underwater archaeology programs in NY state and the authorities these branches bring to the table to consider how NOAA and the state in a co-management partnership can provide additional protection and more interpretation on maritime historical resources. This will help the SAC think about and articulate a national marine sanctuary in Lake Ontario.

#### **Office of Parks, Recreation and Historic Preservation**

##### **Nancy Herter: Director, Technical Preservation Services Bureau, Division for Historic Preservation**

- Nancy Herter provided a presentation on the Compliance Review Program. Nancy's staff primarily focuses on compliance review programs that will intersect with the proposed LONMS. Important functions include providing recommendations to federal, state and local agencies with recommendations on how projects might affect cultural resources under Section 106. Under NY state law the State Historic Preservation Act mirrors Section 106.
- Reviews projects for a number of different agencies including federal, state and agencies (example: review of wind farms or fiber optic cables -- fiber optic cables from US to Canada that would potentially go across Lake Ontario).

- Reviews and places cultural resources on the National Register of Historic Places. Five property types are buildings, structures (can be a floating object), objects, sites such as archaeological
- Will work alongside NOAA in the future on national register nominations.
- SHPO has a large inventory of archaeological sites, buildings and structures (some are eligible and some are not) recorded in GIS system
- For more information: <https://parks.ny.gov/shpo/>

## **New York State Museum**

### **Christina Rieth: State Archaeologist and Co-Director of the Cultural Resources Survey**

Christina thanked the council for the opportunity to provide a presentation on cultural resources and Section 233.

- Section 233 protects publicly owned cultural resources for scientific, educational and historic purposes.
- Section 233 has three components (1) protecting archaeological sites and objects of historic interest preventing artifact removal from state lands; (2) provides archaeological study permits (through Office of General Services) for individuals to do legitimate research on state lands, and (3) requires individuals who find archaeological artifacts to report to the proper agencies in New York.
- Applications are sent to the State Museum for interagency approval. Approved permits are sent to the state agency who administers the land.
- Curation of artifacts are housed under the NY State Museum
- Submerged heritage preserves include historical shipwrecks and other submerged archaeological resources are marked by a round mooring buoy that allows access to the site. DEC oversees the submerged heritage preserves along with the Office of General Services
- For more information: [www.nysm.nysed.gov](http://www.nysm.nysed.gov)

### **Michael Lucas: Curator of Historical Archaeology**

- Resources that have been curated in New York are kept in a database. Also want to dovetail where historical archaeological ducts into this. Artifacts are curated for perpetuity in NY. Anytime something is removed from state waterways it's a law that it belongs to the State of NY which means it belongs to the state museum.
- Office jumps in for long term curation. Very important when projects come along in the section 233 process or survey to be included in the discussion making process to ensure funding is there for long term conservation.
- Underwater projects under Section 233 were consulted before curation. Resources need to be preserved in stable and anaerobic environments (costing more money). The office comes in at the end of the projects and determines how resources will be preserved for the residents in the State of NY.

## **Q&A:**

**Ellen:** What does the collection look like?

**Michael:** The State of NY owns a World Trade Center ship falling under historical archaeology. Usually the collection will include portions of ships or ship-related things like anchors. There are a number of different projects that have shipwreck components. Some of these are on long term loans. There is a loan program in Long Island which started in the 1970s or early 1980s. When something comes into the office's collection it can be loaned out to institutions for public outreach or display. If NOAA wanted to partner with museums, New York has a loan process which is a straightforward guideline on a yearly basis. Items belong to the New York State Museum who oversees the long term for oversight on long term loans for resources.

**Ellen:** In the Great Lakes they are all in state waters and bottomlands, so NOAA doesn't take over any of the state resources or management. Ellen introduced William Hoffman who will be helping with Section 106 and helping us to understand the procedures.

### **Sanctuary Advisory Council Lecture Series – Katie Malinowski**

A group of subcommittee members (Katie Malinowski, Bill Crist, Kristen Eichhorn, Dan Gildea, Jeanie Gleisner, Dave Granoff, Bob Morgan, Katie Piazza, Ray Tucker, Joe Zarzynski, along with Ellen Brody and Pam Orlando, are working on a series of winter lectures both in-person and hybrid to keep the public interested about the proposed sanctuary. The first four lectures are scheduled as follows:

- o **February 19, 2P-4P: Lighthouses of the Seaway Trail. WPBS President Mark Prasuhn.** Lightkeepers around the region have been invited to participate.
- o **March 26, Noon-2P: Weather of Lake Ontario – Judy Levan**
- o **April 30, 2P-4P: Lake Ontario and the War of 1812 – Dr. Tim Abel, Dr. Ben Ford and Dr. Gary Gibson.** Three well-known maritime and terrestrial historians.. This will be held at Sackets Harbor Battlefield:  
[tinyurl.com/LakeOntarioWarof1812](http://tinyurl.com/LakeOntarioWarof1812)
- o **June 11, 2022 – The Underground RR and the Connection to Lake Ontario – Sue Jane Evans, Williamson-Pultneyville Historical Society; Marjory Allen Perez, author and former Wayne County Historian; Edward Eisner, interim director of the Oswego Public Library; and Jim Hotchkiss and Allie Proud, Starr Clark Tin Shop**
- o **Fall 2022 – Indigenous Peoples of Lake Ontario** (date and location TBD)

### **NOAA Updates – Ellen Brody**

- Designation process: reminder/refresher last summer published draft management plan but did not publish the draft rule. Currently in NOAA for review and targeting summer for release. The proposed rule will include the proposed boundary (decision will have been made by NOAA) and building on the draft EIS where we had the regulatory concepts, had taken the comments and made them into language. When these are published we will have another public comment period, both in-person and virtual. As we get closer to knowing when the document will be published, we may organize our next SAC meeting

with the release of the document. Hoping there aren't many changes and move forward with publishing the final impact statement, final rule, final management plan. Timeframe for designation is about one year away.

- 50<sup>th</sup> anniversary. Our artist/graphic designer has been creating posters for each sanctuary (one a month) and will be completed by the 50<sup>th</sup> anniversary. On our website for download.
- Capitol Hill Ocean Week (CHOW). Annual event in June and it will be hybrid this year. Interesting agenda. CHOW is hosted by the National Marine Sanctuary Foundation and is an annual celebratory event. Visionary for our program, oceans and Great Lakes.
- Expedition ship Viking. In three weeks, the ship will be in Thunder Bay on May 3<sup>rd</sup>. NOAA has a formal relationship with Viking. The goal for Viking and their passengers is to provide opportunities to perform science on the Great Lakes, collect data and experience it. This year there are three cruises. We will have some staff on board between Milwaukee and Alpena. Next year, they will start in Ft. Lauderdale and come up the coast to Toronto. This is an incredible opportunity for the sanctuary program. Some disappointment that Viking wasn't going to come through Eastern Lake Ontario, however Viking will be coming through the St. Lawrence next year. Stay tuned. These are the kind of things the sanctuary program likes to promote and has been a big effort for NOAA. Website:  
<https://www.vikingcruises.com/expeditions/cruise-destinations/great-lakes-canada>
- Stand up for the Great Lakes. There are 4 individuals who are raising awareness for the Great Lakes. Started in Niagara Falls to Thunder Bay. Group working with Parks Canada. Will begin in June. <https://standupforgreatlakes.com>
- NOAA Earth Day Video. Very Beautiful: [https://youtu.be/sd-\\_NVnpULk](https://youtu.be/sd-_NVnpULk)

## **State and Local Updates**

### **Laura McLean, Policy Analyst, New York State Department of State**

- No updates

### **Christine Worth, Jefferson County (for Rick House)**

- No Updates

### **Phil Church, City of Oswego**

No updates. Government council has not meant recently but will update folks at the next meeting. Still excited about the proposed sanctuary. Want to thank everyone for their efforts here.

### **Steve Lynch, Cayuga County**

The Mayor of Fair Haven, Mr. Jim Basile, is now a member of the Cayuga County Legislature representing the Towns of Sterling and Victory and the Village of Fair Haven (CC Legislative District 1). Mr. Basile is a member of the County Planning & ED, Ways & Means and Public Works Committees.

- The Joint Sterling/Fair Haven Local Waterfront Revitalization Plan is moving forward and now includes over 60 capital and planning projects ranging from lakeshore and resource protection to education, recreation and capital project developments. The planning process will wrap up in Q2 2023.
- Construction of the new ~5000 SF Welcome Center and Educational Facility at Sterling Nature Center is underway with completion scheduled for Q2 2023. The County is seeking to curate and present a permanent, rotating exhibit showcasing the natural, historic and cultural resources of the eastern Lake Ontario region and looks forward to connecting the ongoing exhibits to active programming at the proposed LONMS.
- The County Legislature continues its full support of the NOAA LONMS designation process under the new County Legislature Chair, Mr. David Gould.

### **Q&A:**

### **New Business**

**Mercedes Niess, H. Lee White Maritime Museum:** On May 21-22, the H. Lee White Museum will host the Lake Ontario Waterfront Festival. The event will include rescue demos, children's programs, Happy Pirates, music, food trucks and more. Dave White contacted the museum looking to make this a wider program to coincide with National Boating Week. Mayor Barlow from Oswego has given us the go ahead and is super excited about the expanded program. Mercedes is looking for SAC volunteers. Pam and Ellen will be there representing NOAA.

Dave White mentioned the annual boat show will be put off for yet another year due to lack of products. Dave sees this as a boating lifestyle event and is excited to partner with the museum, Sea Grant and the Coast Guard. The marina will offer a commercial opportunity to buy and sell used boats, provide safe boating demos, in-water demos and in-water ROV demos. More information to follow.

### **Shout Outs**

- Congrats to Dr. Bob Morgan on his retirement from private practice
- Dale Currier sends kudos to all involved with bringing the lecture series and has heard good things about them.
- Gail Smith: waters are looking normal and our first spring derby will be in the middle of May
- Ed Mervine was inspired by the ROV presentation that Shannon Ricles presented at the last SAC meeting. Reached out to Science Academies and they are interested in the program. Conversations continue. The idea would be to get the kids to understand what the sanctuary is and have them build their own ROV models and then come to the marine museum in Oswego to run them, see the museum and lighthouse. The idea behind this if this works to go to school districts all around the four counties and beyond. Premature but we are hoping for a program in the fall and report out on how it goes.
- Gail Smith has been working on the Great American Eclipse, April 8, 2024.

**Next SAC Meeting:** TBD

**Public Comment:**

None noted.

**Motion to adjourn:**

Meeting adjourned at 8 pm

**Attendees:**

NOAA/ONMS:

Ellen Brody, Great Lakes Regional Coordinator  
Willie Hoffman, Archaeologist  
Edward Lindelof, Senior Policy Analyst  
Pam Orlando, LONMS Advisory Council Coordinator  
Julia Snouck-Hurgronje – Senior Policy Analyst

Advisory Council:

Greg Boyer, Alternate, Citizen-at-Large (**absent**)  
Brad Broadwell, Alternate, Economic Development (**absent**)  
Shane Broadwell, Member, Economic Development (**absent**)  
Tom Burke, Alternate, Recreational Fishing (**absent**)  
Phil Church, Member, City of Oswego  
Bill Crist, Member, Education (Chair) (**absent**)  
Dale Currier, Member, Recreational Boating  
Kristen Eichhorn, Alternate, Education (**absent**)  
Peter Evans, Alternate, Tourism (**absent**)  
Corey Fram, Member, Tourism (**absent**)  
Susan Gately, Alternate, Maritime History & Interpretation (**absent**)  
Dan Gildea, Alternate, Maritime History & Interpretation (**absent**)  
Jeanie Gleisner, Member, Economic Development  
Dave Granoff, Member, Economic Development (**absent**)  
Robert Hagemann, County Administrator, Jefferson County (**absent**)  
Ben Heckethorn, Member, Education (**absent**)  
Rick House, County Administrator, Wayne County (**absent**)  
Robert Humphrey, Alternate, Education  
Jim Kennard, Member, Divers, Dive Clubs & Shipwreck Exploration  
Ken Kozin, Alternate, Divers, Dive Clubs & Shipwreck Exploration  
Steve Lynch, Member, AICP, Director (Cayuga) (**absent**)  
Katie Malinowski, Member, Citizen-at-Large (Vice-Chair)  
Janet Marsden, Alternate, Tourism (**absent**)  
Jay Matteson, Alternate, Economic Development (**absent**)

Laura McLean, New York State Department of State  
Ed Mervine, Member, Shoreline Property Owner  
Robert Morgan, Member, Citizen-at-Large  
Duane Morton, Alternate, Shoreline Property Owner **(absent)**  
Mercedes Niess, Member, Maritime History & Interpretation  
Katie Piazza, Alternate, Citizen-at-Large  
Rebecca Shuford, Alternate, SUNY Oswego  
Mark Slosek, Alternate, Recreational Boating  
Gail Smith, Member, Recreational Fishing  
Ray Tucker, Alternate, Divers, Dive Clubs & Shipwreck Exploration  
Dave White, Member, SUNY Oswego  
Jim Wieser, Member, Divers, Dive Clubs & Shipwreck Exploration  
Brad Wilcox, Member, Coast Guard **(absent)**  
Christine Worth, Alternate for Rick House (Wayne County) **(absent)**  
Joseph Zarzynski, Member, Maritime History & Interpretation

Public:

Michael Lucas  
Christina Reith  
Nancy Herter

