

PROPOSED LAKE ONTARIO NATIONAL MARINE SANCTUARY ADVISORY COUNCIL

Meeting #16 - VIRTUAL

Thursday, August 18, 2022

MEETING SUMMARY - FINAL

Welcome – Bill Crist

Bill Crist called the meeting to order at 6 p.m. EST and welcomed everyone to meeting #16.

Old Business –Bill Crist

A motion was put forward to approve the August 2022 advisory council meeting minutes. Motion to approve by Katie Malinowski and seconded by Bob Morgan. The motion passed.

Ellen Brody announced that NOAA finalized the new SAC Handbook. NOAA will make sure that it is distributed to SAC members.

Updates from New York State (Laura McLean, Department of State)

- New York State (NYS) is reviewing the Section 106 Programmatic Agreement (pursuant to National Historic Preservation Act)
- NOAA and NYS held a meeting in July 2022 on co-management.
- NYS will be reviewing NOAA's [federal consistency](#) determination (DOS reviews federal actions are consistent with the New York Coastal Management Program). The federal action is NOAA's proposal to designate a national marine sanctuary in Lake Ontario.

Updates from NOAA (Ellen Brody)

- The proposed rule is still going through the federal agency review process. Ellen indicated the rule would likely be published in late Fall. Proposed rule will include the proposed boundary, proposed regulations, and terms of designation.
- Ed Mervine asked how many public meetings there would be. Ellen responded that NOAA is planning to hold two virtual and three in-person meetings. The public comment period would likely be 60 days.
- Bob Morgan asked if he and Katie should do another "road trip" to hold information meetings. Ellen responded that since NOAA will be holding public meetings, it could be confusing. The last "road trip" was an effort to engage the public during a lull in NOAA activities. It will be useful for SAC members to be at public meetings and to advertise the meetings.
- NOAA is updating public outreach materials and starting to work on the Final EIS (in an effort to minimize the time between proposed and final).
- Ellen announced the new NMS post office stamps. The map on the back shows Lake Ontario. Phil Church noted that the stamps aren't available yet in Oswego.
- *Thomas Jefferson* (NOAA hydrographic survey vessel) will be in Lake Ontario in early October. We are hoping for a public outreach event, but it seems unlikely. Dan Gildea asked where the *Thomas Jefferson* is surveying. He raised the issue of the potential for bad weather conditions. He wondered if they were 24-hour operations (yes).

- Navigation Response Teams are conducting surveys in the Great Lakes (Russ will talk about this in his presentation).
- Russ Green provided a summary of the new deepwater mooring buoy installations in Thunder Bay NMS. The Coast Guard supported the installation. There are now buoys at twelve shipwrecks of technical diving depth.
- Ellen provided an update of the Hudson Canyon designation process, focusing on the public meetings in July 2022.
- Ellen reinforced the positive working relationship with the State of New York.

Local updates

Bob Hagerman: No update

Phil Church: Asked about planning for the designation ceremony. He will get the other local governments together to consider possibilities.

Summary of SAC Lecture Series

- Katie Malinowski provided a summary of the lecture series (11 speakers, four counties, 300 people). Katie collected a list of email addresses. Ed Mervine commended the SAC organizers on this engagement. Bill Crist agreed, noting the number of SAC members who attended. All of the lectures were recorded.

Russ Green, Superintendent of Wisconsin Shipwreck Coast National Marine Sanctuary

Russ Green highlighted accomplishments of the new Wisconsin sanctuary, focusing on partnerships, survey work, extensive media coverage (including Discover Wisconsin sanctuary video), setting up a Sanctuary Advisory Council, conducting a facilities study (using a consultant), externally-funded projects to support sanctuary objectives, and creating outreach materials such as 3D shipwrecks mosaics.

SAC member sharing session

Bob Morgan: Hoping to bring in tall ships for notable anniversaries and for general public outreach.

Ed Mervine: Working with Syracuse Academy of Science (charter school) on ROV project. Planning for October event with Shannon Rickles. (Note: due to travel restrictions, Shannon was not able to travel so the event will be rescheduled.) Ed is interested in contacting Dennis Gerber and Tim Caza.

David Granoff: Tourism has exploded in upper New York state. People are looking for things to do along the coast. 278,000 visits in the month of June. The New York State Canal Association is meeting in Rochester in September. In 2025, Buffalo is hosting the world conference on canals. There are opportunities to connect with this group.

Dan Gildea: Dan went to Galloo Island in July. Discovered ship timbers and cargo hold. Recent development in Seneca Lake - located canal boats. It was scheduled to be dredged but it is now put on hold. Dan assisted a university with documenting *Minerva Cook*.

Next SAC Meeting: To be determined (now scheduled for December 8, 2022 at 6 pm)

Public Comment:

None noted.

Meeting adjourned at 7:45 pm