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Resolution 2023-1

The Sanctuary Advisory Council (SAC) of the Wisconsin Shipwreck Coast National Marine Sanctuary (WSCNMS) wholeheartedly supports the National Oceanic and Atmospheric Administration’s (NOAA) July 2023 Sanctuary Facility Strategy.

WHEREAS, WSCNMS provides stewardship for our nation's maritime heritage, including 36 historic shipwrecks, and is co-managed by NOAA and the state of Wisconsin; and

WHEREAS, sanctuary waters are ancient, and WSCNMS recognizes the cultural significance of this area to American Indian Nations and Tribes; and

WHEREAS, based on sanctuary needs and significant stakeholder input, the Facility Strategy outlines an infrastructure roadmap for the WSCNMS that supports its unique operational, programming, and public engagement requirements; and

WHEREAS, the Facility Strategy encompasses the communities of Two Rivers, Manitowoc, Sheboygan, Port Washington, and Madison; and Ozaukee, Sheboygan, Manitowoc, and Kewaunee Counties; and reflects the vision put forth in the community-based sanctuary nomination and over 100 letters of support; and

WHEREAS, the Facility Strategy identifies opportunities to create visitor experiences at numerous community locations, which will enhance sustainable recreation, tourism, and other economic opportunities; and

WHEREAS, the Facility Strategy will accelerate broader Lake Michigan research and conservation efforts and serve as the foundation for long-term, impactful educational programming; and


WHEREAS, the facilities noted in this study will enhance the visibility of WSCNMS, as well as the communities in which they are located.

THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED that the Wisconsin Shipwreck Coast National Marine Sanctuary Advisory Council:

Supports the Sanctuary Facility Strategy and urges NOAA and the Office of National Marine Sanctuaries (ONMS) to implement its findings and recommendations.

Requests the Sanctuary Superintendent to: 1) transmit copies of this resolution to ONMS and NOAA leadership; and 2) use this resolution as part of communications and outreach efforts needed to bring the Facility Strategy to fruition.

Passed November 16, 2023


Scott Huebner, Chair