

Michigan Underwater Salvage and Preserve Committee
Thursday, November 6, 2014
Michigan Historical Center
5th Floor, Board Room
Lansing, Michigan 48915
Meeting Minutes

Committee Members – Present

Sandra Clark – Department of Natural Resources (DNR)/Michigan Historical Center
Tom Graf – Department of Environmental Quality (DEQ)
Peggy Kurpinski – Public Member/SCUBA Experience
Gail Vander Stoep – Member representing Travel Michigan/Michigan State University

Committee Members – Present Via Conference Call

Ron Bloomfield – Public Member/Michigan Underwater Preserve Council (MUPC)
Wayne Lusardi - DNR/Michigan Historical Center
Wade Hamilton – DNR/Law Enforcement Division (LED)

Staff

Michelle Davis – DNR/Michigan Historical Center

Guest

State Archaeologist Dean Anderson

Members of the Public

Daniel Friedhoff
Bruce Lynn
Jim Scholz

Call to Order

The meeting was called to order at 1:00 p.m. A quorum was present.

Approval of Agenda

On a motion by Bloomfield, seconded by Lusardi, the agenda was approved without changes.

Approval of Minutes

On a motion by Vander Stoep, seconded by Bloomfield, the August 14, 2014, meeting minutes were approved as amended.

Committee Reports

Law Enforcement

Hamilton noted that conservation officers conducted a variety of patrols during the season. Training for 23 new recruit conservation officers is underway. They plan to leave larger vessels in the water until icing begins.

New Permit Applications

The *Comet* safe recovery permit is valid through December 31, 2014, and will need to be renewed for 2015. The Committee discussed the significance of keeping Michiganians involved in the entire recovery process as well as making sure long-term conservation and preservation remain a priority. The documented recovery and conservation process will be an excellent training tool. Graf noted that the safe item will be a state-owned artifact, and a loan agreement will need to be established with the facility that houses it.

Other Business

Thunder Bay National Marine Sanctuary Underwater Preserve Proposed Expansion

The Thunder Bay National Marine Sanctuary Underwater Preserve proposed expansion was announced and a celebration took place on September 6, 2014. Congress has 60-days to take action before the expansion is considered final.

The Michigan Department of Transportation has given a grant to NOAA for interpretive signage along the expanded sanctuary coastline.

Buoy Permit Application

Graf reported that all responses to the buoy permit application are due by December 17, 2014. At the time of the meeting, one response had been received. It was from the Lake Carriers' Association regarding buoys in shipping lanes.

Old Business

The Committee discussed the state's current archaeology site numbering systems and how they differ from land to water. There is a possibility of extending the land system for bottomland use. However, there are more than 3,000 photos that would need to be re-numbered, and a project such as this would require a large amount of time to complete.

Vander Stoep moved to adjourn the meeting at 1:59 p.m.



Tom Graf, Chairperson