

## The Future

• Looking forward, **the most worrisome “open-ended” description** of Wisconsin’s NMS is **“it can expand over time”** and **“change over time.”**<sup>9</sup> stated by Russ Green (Regional Coordinator NOAA Office of NMS’s).

• Wisconsinites must fight to retain control of Lake Michigan, our commerce, our individual rights and the 2nd largest fresh water ecosystem in the world. **Stop this land and water grab and huge tax waste by NOAA.**

## Stop NOAA

• NOAA *must show* “broad-based community support” to convince Gov. Walker and the Secty. of Commerce to approve the designation. **So NOAA has refused to hold public community forums where opposing views could be aired. It’s a sign of the way NOAA does business.**

• Our *only* way to be heard is to **tell our elected officials that NOAA does not have our support**, nor the support of our communities, local organizations or businesses. **The NOAA NMS will not go forward if the Secretary of Commerce and Gov. Walker hear NO NOAA Sanctuary Designation - from many Wisconsinites! Share this timely information!**



You now have 14 reasons why NO NOAA!  
Tell your elected municipal and county officials  
and Gov. Scott Walker  
NO NOAA "SANCTUARY" DESIGNATION!  
Call officials often. Their staff counts the calls.  
**Please start today!**  
**This momentum will make a difference.**  
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1 Alpena, MI voted 69% to *reject* the NMS. NOAA and MI's Gov. ignored residents: <http://thunderbay.noaa.gov/designation/history.html>;  
NMS quashed by the Red Cliff Band of Chippewa, 11/11/16: <http://www.lakesuperiorsanctuary.org>  
2 4/25/2017, 8:40am, NOAA Boat R5501 leaves Alpena Marina with weather bouy, activated that afternoon.  
3 Federal Register: [www.gpo.gov/fdsys/pkg/FR-2008-11-20/pdf/E827220.pdf](http://www.gpo.gov/fdsys/pkg/FR-2008-11-20/pdf/E827220.pdf)  
4 <https://calcoastnews.com/2017/02/perils-approving-marine-sanctuary/>  
5 <http://thunderbay.noaa.gov/contact.html> (W.L., Archaeologist, State of Michigan DNRE, Mooring Buoy Program & Diving Information Conservation Lab)  
6 Alpena, MI 2015 Financial Statement—Introduction  
7 [www.thenewsherald.com/news/invasion-of-the-great-lakes-quagga-mussels-least-known-most/article\\_4eb454e3-7f11-5335-99bf-d3dd0a8e6ded.html](http://www.thenewsherald.com/news/invasion-of-the-great-lakes-quagga-mussels-least-known-most/article_4eb454e3-7f11-5335-99bf-d3dd0a8e6ded.html)  
8 <http://sanctuaries.noaa.gov/library/national/15cfr922.pdf>  
9 March 15, 2017, Sheboygan WI, NOAA "Scoping Meeting"

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**Russ Green** (Regional Coordinator NOAA Office of NMS’s)  
regarding the future Sanctuary, 3/15/2017.



Int'l Maritime Signal: STOP IMMEDIATELY!

The State of Wisconsin is ready to **GIVE AWAY** control of 1,260 sq.mi. of Lake Michigan fresh water, beach and bottomland to the Federal Gov.

This is an historic, **IRREVERSIBLE** action and Wisconsin residents will **NOT BE INCLUDED** in the FINAL decision **unless you speak up now.**

## Backstory

### Prior to Dec 2014:

The National Oceanic & Atmospheric Administration (NOAA) aimed a concerted "sell job" at

Wisconsin, claiming a need to "protect" shipwrecks in Lake Michigan. NOAA promised economic upturn and the benefit of being "partners." NOAA asked Wisconsin to *nominate itself as a National Marine Sanctuary (NMS)* because communities do reject NOAA's advances.<sup>1</sup>

**Dec. 2014:** Wisconsin nominated a Lake Michigan Wisconsin National Marine Sanctuary to NOAA, from Mequon to Manitowoc, 80 mi. long, consuming 1,260 sq.mi. of fresh water and beach. About the same size as the *three* counties it borders: Ozaukee, Sheboygan, Manitowoc.

## Today

• Wisconsin *owns* its shipwrecks on Lake Michigan's WI bottomland. Wisconsin laws and Federal Agencies (US Coast Guard,

Army Corps of Engineers, National Park Service and EPA) all have jurisdiction and regulations protecting our shipwrecks now. NOAA's "Sanctuary" would add at least **three MORE** sets of federal laws/regulations.

• NOAA's proposed "Sanctuary" averages *33 sq.mi. of fresh water per wreck* for each of 38 shipwrecks. NOAA adds restrictions in the NMS for boaters, sport and commercial fishing, commercial lake carriers, beachcombers, etc.

• NOAA claims the biggest advantage to a "Sanctuary," is NOAA's "continuous on-site presence." In Alpena, MI's NMS<sup>1</sup>, this Federal presence includes assorted 50' work vessels, 100' research ships idling and patrolling the view line, dropping \$90,000 *weather* buoys<sup>2</sup> and belching exhaust. Also in use: aerial surveillance photos by plane and drones and federal agents patrolling beaches.

• NOAA claims their primary NMS objective is "resource protection." NOAA has not explained from what, exactly, is it protecting the shipwrecks? NOAA made no prior study of whether there are any threats to our shipwrecks before "selling" the need to protect them.

• NOAA defines "shipwreck" to include *any piece of debris* (wood, metal and glass). "Possessing within the Sanctuary, a Sanctuary resource or any other resource, regardless of where taken, removed, moved, caught, collected, or harvested."<sup>3</sup> NOAA ticketed a couple (in a California NMS) picking up rocks for unlawful "mineral extraction."<sup>4</sup> A NOAA employee<sup>5</sup> took photos of and stopped a local organization from using their metal detectors on a public beach in Alpena, MI's NMS...before they found anything. Beachcombing will now be subject to Federal oversight and fines.

• Wisconsin presently sets a penalty of \$5,000 for violation of marine archeology laws. NOAA proposes to raise that amount to \$130,000, per violation, each day being a separate violation.

• We all want a robust economy. NOAA promises more tourism and significant positive economic impact with an NMS. Alpena, MI experienced little or no economic uptick from the start of their NMS in 2000. According to residents, only Marina fuel sales have soared - for NOAA's fleet of boats. In 2014, the city budget<sup>6</sup> showed \$300,000 in expenses directly attributable to NOAA's NMS, with more expenses paid by the State. Finally, in 2015, Alpena began to show some modest economic growth for a variety of reasons, none related to NOAA's NMS.<sup>6</sup>

• NOAA asserts "the shipwrecks in the proposed sanctuary provide recreational benefits to users in the water (divers, snorklers, kayakers)..." Divers are less than <1% of the US population and have access now. How do the 99%+ of non-divers enjoy the shipwrecks? Wisconsin's 43rd latitude, frigid water temperature, currents and swift visibility and weather changes on Lake Michigan offer few days annually when it is safe for diving, snorkling or kayaking. It is irresponsible to promote viewing the shipwrecks by kayak in Lake Michigan.

• We all want to preserve our State's history. The Wisconsin Historical Society (WHS) produces a superb proactive Marine Archeological program that focuses on Great Lakes shipwrecks. WHS shares:  
- 5 Historic Maritime Trails

- 463 public educational outreach programs
- 33 geocache locations
- 28 public mooring buoys for divers/boats.

WHS stats:

- 170,000 annual visitors/users!
- 3 million annual website hits!

NOAA itself calls the quality and output of the WHS programs equivalent to the work of the NOAA Alpena, MI's NMS!

• Do we need Federal Gov. to *duplicate* our own high quality, well known shipwreck preservation? Does anyone really believe we will be an equal "partner" with the Federal Gov.'s NOAA? NOAA's presence would more likely WEAKEN our existing community groups by duplicating their work and taking control. In Alpena, a Citizen Diver group proudly placed and removed ship diving buoys annually for years. After NOAA took control, the group disbanded.

• Alpena MI's NMS began with 400 sq.mi. in 2000. Today, it has swelled to **10X the size**, over 4,300 sq.mi! Divers report NOAA is no longer maintaining buoys - NOAA's purported essential key to "resource protection." NOAA currently has NMS proposals in ALL the Great Lakes. Making a reasonable assumption - NOAA wants to control the entire Fresh Water Ecosystem of the Great Lakes.<sup>8</sup>

• Wisconsin welcomes NOAA to its fresh waters and harbors to do research, rent office buildings, and marina slips and to share its expertise with the public. However, NOAA is *unwilling to share* any of its technical and other resources to help preserve the shipwrecks - unless they score complete control using an NMS with a legally defined, enforceable "boundary" in our lake. Is that extortion with our own federal tax dollars?

• NOAA was charged with keeping ocean invasive species out of the Great Lakes when the St. Lawrence seaway opened in 1959. Lake Michigan is now inhabited by invasives: Sea Lamprey, Alewife, Zebra Mussels and 450 trillion Quagga Mussels.<sup>7</sup> NOAA failed in a spectacular and disastrous fashion. That's the "quality" of NOAA's work.