

SAMPLE LETTER FOR RECREATION ORGANIZATION

(PLEASE USE YOUR LETTERHEAD)

(Date)

NOAA National Marine Sanctuary Program
Attn: John Armor, Acting Director, Office of Marine Sanctuaries
1305 East-West Highway, 11th Floor
Silver Spring, MD 20910

Dear Director Basta:

As _____, representing _____,
I would like to express my full support for and endorsement of this nomination to the National Oceanic and Atmospheric Administration (NOAA) for a national marine sanctuary in eastern Lake Ontario waters. As envisioned, the Great Lake Ontario National Marine Sanctuary would include many historically important shipwrecks and encompass hundreds of square miles off the coast of Eastern Lake Ontario, a waterway with many of the oldest submerged maritime heritage resources in the Great Lakes.

The unique beauty of the eastern Lake Ontario region, and its wealth of maritime heritage resources offer a fascinating story of people, cargo, and missions undertaken over hundreds of years of North American history. The maritime resources within the proposed NMS, coupled with onshore and regional attractions, support a wide variety of recreational activities, including heritage tourism, boating and sailing, scuba diving, hiking and kayaking, agri-tourism, and what is widely considered to be one of the best sport-fishing areas in the world.

An NMS would supplement and significantly enhance recreational activities in this region, attracting many more travelers and improving the quality of life for residents.

_____ recognizes the rare opportunity this call for nominations represents, and is excited to support enthusiastic and collaborative efforts to showcase our own maritime heritage.

Sincerely,

