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John Armor, Acting Director  
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Dear Mr. Armor,

I must retract my earlier support for the effort to establish a marine sanctuary in Lake Superior's Whitefish Bay area. Upon further review I have determined that the marine sanctuary is in conflict with the Sault Ste. Marie Tribe of Chippewa Indians' court affirmed commercial treaty fishery - which has an exceptionally heavy presence in the Whitefish Bay area.

I apologize for whatever confusion this reversal may cause but it is the prudent and necessary course of action. Thank you for your attention to this matter.

Sincerely,

Aaron A. Payment, Chairperson  
Sault Tribe of Chippewa Indians