



UNITED STATES DEPARTMENT OF COMMERCE
National Oceanic and Atmospheric Administration
NATIONAL OCEAN SERVICE
Office of National Marine Sanctuaries
1305 East-West Highway
Silver Spring, Maryland 20910

February 19, 2021

Ms. Kathy Dahlkemper
County Executive, Erie County
140 West 6th Street, Suite 504
Erie, PA 16501

Dear Ms. Dahlkemper:

The National Oceanic and Atmospheric Administration's (NOAA) Office of National Marine Sanctuaries has completed our five-year review of the Lake Erie Quadrangle National Marine Sanctuary nomination and determined that this nomination continues to meet the 11 sanctuary nomination process criteria. The nomination will remain on the inventory of areas NOAA may consider in the future for national marine sanctuary designation until February 22, 2026. We look forward to working with you and community members interested in long-term, comprehensive conservation of this area as we consider possible designations of national marine sanctuaries in the future.

Please contact Matt Brookhart (matt.brookhart@noaa.gov) or Ellen Brody (ellen.brody@noaa.gov) if you have any questions.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "John Armor", written over the word "Sincerely,".

John Armor
Director

