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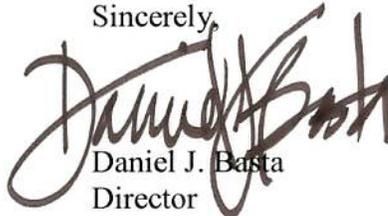
John H. Broihahn
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Dear Mr. Broihahn,

Thank you for submitting the nomination for the proposed Lake Michigan - Wisconsin National Marine Sanctuary. We greatly appreciate the interest expressed by the State, counties, cities, and numerous community organizations that signed letters in support of the nomination.

NOAA's Office of National Marine Sanctuaries has completed its sufficiency and significance reviews and determined that this outstanding nomination exceeds the national significance criteria and management considerations. The nomination will be added to the inventory of areas NOAA may consider for national marine sanctuary designation. We look forward to working with you, your colleagues and community organizations that have proposed the Lake Michigan – Wisconsin site as we consider this area for possible designation as a national marine sanctuary.

Sincerely,



Daniel J. Basta
Director

