

## NOAA HERITAGE UPDATE

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### 1. Treasures of NOAA's Ark Goes On the Road!

In March 2006, NOAA will unveil the *Treasures of NOAA's Ark* exhibition at Nauticus, The National Maritime Center in Norfolk, Virginia. The exhibit will run through the summer in Nauticus' changing gallery and will feature several historic artifacts, many with a local connection to the Norfolk area. Some of the "treasures" that will be highlighted include a copper plate nautical chart of the Hampton Roads region dating to the 1850s and the original tide gauge for Norfolk harbor. NOAA and Nauticus staff are currently working together on the design of the exhibit and related educational

programming. After the exhibition concludes, NOAA and Nauticus staffs plan to develop a traveling version of the Treasures exhibit that can be showcased at various sites around the nation.



The exhibition will build on the highly successful "NOAA @ Nauticus" partnership that was created in 1998 to promote scientific and environmental literacy and to inform the public about NOAA's programs and activities. Nauticus attracts over 350,000 visitors a year with special programs and exhibits focused on exploring the power of the sea and is currently the site of three NOAA Offices (Coast Survey, Chesapeake Bay, and National Marine Sanctuaries). For additional information, please contact [Andrew.W.Larkin@noaa.gov](mailto:Andrew.W.Larkin@noaa.gov).

## 2. NOAA Central Library Images U.S. Fish Commission Annual Reports

The NOAA Central Library, in cooperation with NMFS and the Climate Database Modernization Program, has imaged the Annual Reports of the U.S. Fish Commission. These annual reports cover the activities of the U.S. Fish Commission from its beginning in 1871 up to 1940. Some of the report titles are: *Inquiry into the decrease of food-fishes, the Propagation of food-fishes in the waters of the United States, Dredging and hydrographic records of the U.S. Fisheries Steamer Albatross, Preservation of fish nets, and Inquiry into the history and statistics of food fishes*. Subjects include fish laws and policy, testimony in regard to conditions of fisheries, pleadings, patents granted, apparatus used, invertebrate animal reports and much more. Also included are financial statements, statewide operations, statistical charts, illustrations and photographs.

The full text images are available through the Library's web page and online catalog. We expect to complete imaging the collection within the next two years. The Library has started imaging the Bulletin of the United States Fish Commission, 1881-1998, and hopes to have it available online in FY07. This is only a small sample of the online collections available through the Library's web page ([www.lib.noaa.gov](http://www.lib.noaa.gov)). Please see Diana Abney for additional information ([Diana.L.Abney@noaa.gov](mailto:Diana.L.Abney@noaa.gov)).

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## 3. NOAA Captures Circa 1800s Photographs of Documents from the US Fish Commission

Over a 2-week period, University of New Hampshire archaeologist, under contract with NOAA captured circa 1800s photographs of documents from the US Fish Commission archived at the Smithsonian Archives, National Archives II in College Park, MD, and Natural History Museum Division of Fishes Cataloging Room.

Approximately 1100 images are historical photographs and maps. Most of the photographs date from 1890 to 1910. These images are from the Still Pictures Division of the National Archives in

College Park, Records of the Fish and Wildlife Service. The photographs capture the relative, and in some cases, unusual sizes of fish around the country, Alaska, and Pacific Islands. Numerous photos document waterfront places, fishing activities, fishing vessels and native craft, Native American, Hawaiian, Alaskan and Pacific Islander fishing communities, ethnic fishing communities (e.g., Chinese shrimpers in San Francisco), and biological samples of fish, shellfish, sponges, etc. In addition, numerous images were collected of the US Fish Commission research vessels. The remaining 7000 images are pages of textual records. These include interviews with fishermen from Lunenburg (Nova Scotia), Gloucester (MA),



Rolling up a gill net to dry, Lake Huron. ~1890s

Portland (ME), Lake Huron, and Lake of the Wood (MN). Interviews were recorded in the 1890s. Also captured were original logbooks and dredging records of US Fish Commission research vessels such as the Gannett, Grampus, Fishhawk, Halcyon, and Yvonne. They range in date from 1870s to 1920s. For more information, contact Catherine.Marzin@noaa.gov ([Catherine.Marzin@noaa.gov](mailto:Catherine.Marzin@noaa.gov)).

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#### 4. Great Lakes Maritime Heritage Center Grand Opening

On September 15, 2005 the National Marine Sanctuary Foundation (NMSF) hosted a special evening gala to celebrate the 5<sup>th</sup> anniversary of the [Thunder Bay National Marine Sanctuary](#) at the new Great Lakes Maritime Heritage Center in Alpena, Michigan. World-renowned ocean explorer and NMSF Trustee Dr. Robert Ballard served as Master of Ceremonies and presented Senator Carl Levin and sanctuary volunteer Betty Krueger with the National Marine Sanctuary Foundation's Stewardship Award. The evening program included video tributes, a retrospective about the sanctuary and its treasures and outlook for the future,



During a public celebration, the Great Lakes Maritime Heritage Center opened its doors on September 17, 2005.

musical entertainment and presentations by environmental heroes. Senator Levin was honored for his leadership on Great Lakes issues, particularly his support of the formation and continuation of the Thunder Bay National Marine Sanctuary. Ms. Krueger was recognized for her tireless efforts on behalf of the Sanctuary, especially for her development and management of the Sanctuary's volunteer program.

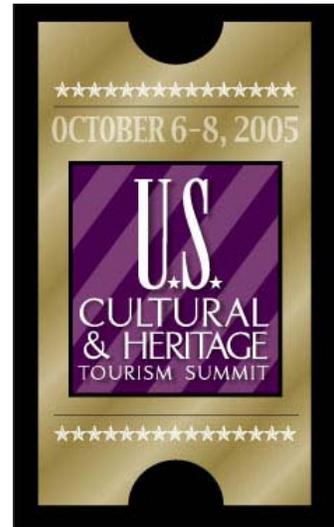
In conjunction with the 5<sup>th</sup> Anniversary celebration, the much anticipated grand opening of the Great Lakes Maritime Heritage Center took place September 17<sup>th</sup> during a free public celebration that included a concert by local favorite *Song of the Lakes*. The Center promises to be a vital and popular destination for residents and visitors of all ages, allowing the public to experience and appreciate the estimated 200 shipwrecks in and around Thunder Bay. The 20,000-square-foot facility features a Discovery Center, an auditorium with capability to show live video feeds from shipwrecks, and an archaeological conservation laboratory.

Established in 2000, the Thunder Bay National Marine Sanctuary maintains stewardship over one of the nation's most historically significant collection of shipwrecks. Located in the northeast corner of Michigan's lower peninsula, the 448 square mile sanctuary contains dozens of historic shipwrecks. For additional information please contact David Hall ([David.L.Hall@noaa.gov](mailto:David.L.Hall@noaa.gov)).

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## 5. U.S. Cultural & Heritage Tourism Summit

Cheryl Oliver and David Hall attended portions of the U.S. Cultural & Heritage Tourism Summit that took place October 6-8, 2005 at the L'Enfant Plaza Hotel. The Summit Attendance was limited to 350 leaders in cultural and heritage tourism. The nation's governors selected 3 delegates as their official representatives. These delegates, along with representatives from the Cultural & Heritage Tourism Alliance, Partners in Tourism, Shop America, and others developed action agendas, a new white paper (the first developed in 1995 at a similar summit) on cultural and heritage tourism and a declaration of principles that will serve as a framework for growth over the next five years. NOAA participated as an observer. This invitation was due to NOAA's participation on the *Preserve America* Steering Committee and its unique response to the Executive Order. Contact Cheryl Oliver ([Cheryl.Oliver@noaa.gov](mailto:Cheryl.Oliver@noaa.gov)) or David Hall ([David.L.Hall@noaa.gov](mailto:David.L.Hall@noaa.gov)) for additional information.



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## 6. National Preservation Conference

Cheryl Oliver participated in the 2005 National Preservation Conference as a speaker on the panel, *Preserve America: The Federal Response*. The session focused on what federal agencies are doing to fulfill the Executive Order 13287, requiring agencies to review holdings and programs to determine what can be done to improve their support for heritage stewardship, historic preservation, and heritage tourism. Approximately 50 people attended the 8:30 am session on a Friday! The panel was moderated by the Advisory Council on Historic Preservation and included NOAA and the Department of Housing and Urban Development. Contact Cheryl Oliver ([Cheryl.Oliver@noaa.gov](mailto:Cheryl.Oliver@noaa.gov)) for additional information.

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## 7. ACHP offers course for explaining Section 106 of the NHPA

In early October Cheryl Oliver attended a two-day course, The Section 106 Essentials, designed for those who are new to the Federal responsibilities under the National Historic Preservation Act (NHPA). The course, held in Portland, Oregon in conjunction with the National Preservation Conference annual meeting, was taught by the Advisory Council on Historic Preservation. The course explains the requirements of Section 106 of the NHPA, which applies any time a Federal, federally assisted, or federally approved activity might affect a property listed in or eligible for the National Register for Historic Places. The course is geared toward Federal, State, or local government officials; tribal representatives; private consultants who encounter preservation-related laws; and members of the public with an interest in historic preservation. If you would like to be on the 2006 training e-mail list, e-mail ACHP meeting planner Diane Secchi at [dsecchi@achp.gov](mailto:dsecchi@achp.gov).



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