



# Lake Superior Marine **NEWS**

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## Welcome to the second issue of Lake Superior Marine News!

This newsletter provides an update on Lake Superior National Marine Conservation Area, its public engagement process and its interim management plan.

Lake Superior National Marine Conservation Area is part of a nation-wide family of protected areas managed by Parks Canada.

## Information Sessions & Open Houses

In late-May, Parks Canada held one information session with members of Red Rock Indian Band and one with members of Pays Plat First Nation to discuss the proposed Lake Superior National Marine Conservation Area. Topics for discussion included the vision, themes and zoning of the area, and opportunities for future collaboration between First Nations' communities and Parks Canada.

From May 31–June 3, 2010, members of the public and First Nations were invited to open houses to discuss and contribute to the development of the interim management plan for Lake Superior National Marine Conservation Area.

The purposes of the open houses were to build on the marine conservation area's public engagement process that has been taking place over the past decade, to effectively communicate the proposed content of the interim management plan, and to seek feedback on key elements of the plan.

Participants at the open houses and members of the public who submitted comments identified the following areas as being of highest importance:

- The promotion of Lake Superior National Marine Conservation Area for the benefit of coastal communities;
- The protection of natural and cultural resources;
- The education of the public and future generations;
- The building and maintenance of productive community relationships.

Attendees showed support for Lake Superior National Marine Conservation Area and expressed an interest in obtaining more information about how Parks Canada is working to make the marine conservation area operational. All comments and input received through the public engagement process will form a part of the official record and will be considered in future planning and operational decisions. Key priorities as we move forward include visitor experience and public outreach education opportunities, facilitating economic opportunities through community partnering initiatives and ecological protection programs.

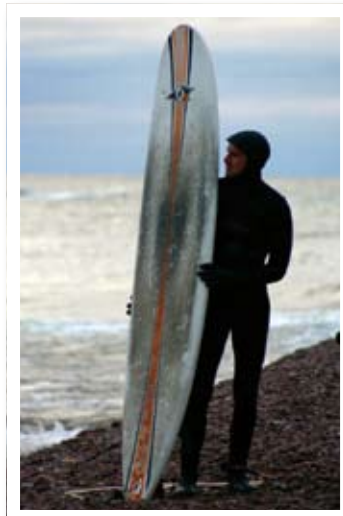
Parks Canada is committed to involving stakeholders and members of the public during the implementation phase of the interim management plan and at various points throughout the future management planning cycle for Lake Superior National Marine Conservation Area.



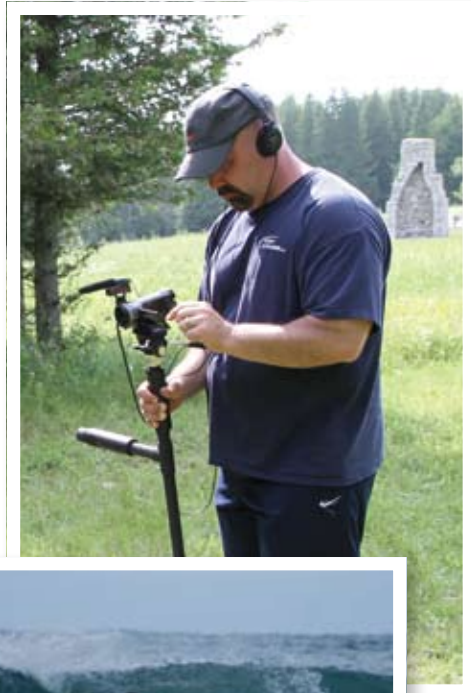
# SUMMER HIGHLIGHTS

## Lake Superior National Marine Conservation Area Profiled Through Canada's Greatest Summer Job

As part of this year's 125th anniversary celebrations of Canada's first national park, Parks Canada held an open job competition to recruit 32 students to work in summer jobs across the country creating videography projects. Patrick McCormick was the successful applicant for Canada's Greatest Summer Job with the Northern Ontario Field Unit and after spending five days in an intensive training session held at The Banff Centre, he moved to Thunder Bay to begin learning about the sites that he would be covering in his films. Patrick's goal was to produce films that help increase appreciation, connection and support of Parks Canada places, particularly among young Canadians, and that illustrate the diversity and quality of these places. One of Patrick's films, "Waiting for the Wave", documents the small, passionate community of Lake Superior surfers who brave all types of weather and conditions in order to feel the thrill of catching a big wave. Stay tuned for information on when and how you can see the film.



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Left to Right: Darren Turner, Kristy Hermes, Johann Munoz and Joni Chaboyer

## Local Students Promote Lake Superior National Marine Conservation Area

Five local students were stationed for the summer in tourist information centres along the north shore, where they helped to promote Lake Superior National Marine Conservation Area. The students worked out of the visitor and tourist information centres in the communities of Terrace Bay, Schreiber and Nipigon, as well as at the Terry Fox Lookout and the Thunder Bay Pagoda. There was also a Parks Canada exhibit featuring information and materials located at the dock in Rosport.

## Lake Superior National Marine Conservation Area's Regional Committee Nominated For Lake Superior Binational Forum 2010 Environmental Stewardship Award!

Each year the Lake Superior Binational Program accepts nominations for its Environmental Stewardship Award that honours "extraordinary achievements by ordinary people" for protection or restoration in the Lake Superior watershed. Members of the Lake Superior Binational Program recommended this award be given to Lake Superior National Marine Conservation Area's former Regional Committee.

Made up of volunteers from communities and First Nations on the north shore of Lake Superior, the regional committee worked with Parks Canada between 1998 and 2002 to set the stage for the establishment of the largest freshwater protected area on earth. Parks Canada congratulates the Regional Committee members on the nomination.

## HIRED - Product Development Officer for Lake Superior National Marine Conservation Area

Sylvio (Hoss) Pelletier began his new role with Parks Canada on September 7, 2010. Hoss was born and raised in Nipigon, is very excited to be joining Parks Canada and is looking forward to helping move the Lake Superior National Marine Conservation Area initiative ahead. In his role, Hoss will help develop meaningful and exciting products and services for visitors to Lake Superior National Marine Conservation Area to help make their experiences inspiring and memorable.



*Sylvio (Hoss) Pelletier*

## WHAT HAPPENS NEXT?

Once the interim management plan is finalized, it will be included in a Report to Parliament for review and approval. There are a number of technical and legal requirements that must be completed before Lake Superior National Marine Conservation Area is established through the parliamentary process.

Following establishment, Parks Canada will set up a new management advisory committee to provide advice on the development and implementation of a management plan that will ensure the marine area will be protected and conserved for the benefit, education and enjoyment of the people of the north shore of Lake Superior, Canada and the world.

## For more information on Lake Superior National Marine Conservation Area:

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