

GREAT LAKES COASTLINE SURVEY INITIATIVE BEACH WRECKAGE RECORDING FORM

The shorelines of the Great Lakes around Michigan are considerably more eroded than in recent decades because of record high lake water levels. Consequently, cultural materials including shipwrecks, parts of historic vessels, artifacts, abandoned docks, pilings, maritime landscapes, and prehistoric objects that had been buried in sediments or located in shallow water, are now exposed. The objects are now more accessible to researchers but are also more susceptible to natural deterioration and human activities.

As the lakes continue to rise, brief windows of opportunity exist to locate and archaeologically document these shoreline features. Citizen scientists and volunteers now have the ability to assist the State of Michigan in surveying its Great Lakes coastlines with the objective of locating the positions of cultural materials, photographing and recording preliminary observations of exposed materials, and compiling collected data for further assessment and public dissemination. This recording form can be submitted to:

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Please investigate only with your eyes, respecting historic features and leaving any artifacts you may find in place. Remember to gain permission from private landowners before entering their property. Thank you for supporting Michigan archaeology and preserving history for future generations. Information submitted will be included in the State Archaeological Site File, the official record of terrestrial and bottomland archaeological sites in Michigan.

BEACH WRECKAGE RECORDING FORM

(attach map location, photographs, and any additional information)

Recorder's Information

Name: _____

Affiliation: _____

Address: _____

Phone: _____ Email: _____

Date: _____

Find Location

Lake: _____

Geographical Area: _____

Latitude: _____ Longitude: _____

GPS Waypoint Number: _____

County: _____

Town: _____

Street Address: _____

Nearest Access: _____

Public or Private Land: _____

Exposed or Submerged: _____ Water Depth: _____

Sediment Type: _____

Attach a location map (for example, a drawing with nearby roads and prominent features labeled, cell phone location screen capture, Google Map).

Find Description

Type: _____

Material Type: _____

Condition (Intact or Fragment): _____

Embedded or Mobile: _____

Measurements: _____

Description: _____

Isolated or Articulated: _____

Nearby Artifacts (List): _____

Nearest Known Wreck Site: _____

Digital Image Log: _____

Attach photographs and/or drawings of the find.

Thank You!

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No Trinomial Assigned:

Existing Trinomial:

New Trinomial:

Identification Notes:

Recommend Full Site Form Documentation: