Cultural Assessment Update

Product

- Intended to support and inform NE MI Coastal Integrated Assessment process.

- “On-shore” Inventories: Summarize existing inventories and data from documents, databases and regional initiatives

- “In-water” Inventories: Provide new information based on NOAA TBNMS’s ongoing underwater inventory work
Resources Identified

- National Register of Historic Places (National Park Service)
- State Register of Historic Sites (MDHAL State Historic Preservation Office)
- Huron Greenways (NEMCOG)
- U.S. 23 Heritage Route (MDOT)
- Non-motorized Trail Maps (NEMCOG, MDOT)
- Sweetwater Trails (maps)
- Maritime Heritage Destination Initiative (MDHAL, Travel Michigan)
- TBNMS Inventory of Shipwrecks (TBNMS)
- Thunder Bay Region Inventory of Resources (Michigan Sea Grant 1993)
- “Preliminary Comparative and Theme Study of National Historic Landmark Potential for Thunder Bay, MI” (Martin, J.C., NOAA NMS, 1996)
- “The Distribution and Abundance of Archaeological Sites in the Coastal Zone of Michigan (Peebles and Black, 1976)
- Web searches (ACC Students)
- Other NEMIA working group contributions…

“On-shore” Inventory

- Compiled by ACC Student’s Compiled; data and review support from MDHAL and NEMIA Work Group

- 303 total assets identified in 3-counties. Examples include:
  - Historic Buildings/Artifacts
  - Recreational Opportunities/Businessess
  - Access Points & Trails
  - Festivals

- Not new work, just organizing what we know of from various projects and reports
Organizing Information:

- By County (Presque Isle, Alpena, Alcona)

- By Topical Themes:
  - Lighthouses (developed via Travel Michigan)
  - Shipwrecks
  - Commerce
  - People Power of the G.L. (Maritime People)
  - Harbor Towns & Ports
  - Fish, Fur, and Feathers (a new category)
“In-water” Inventory: Research and Monitoring
Potential Next Steps:

- Organizing Inventories
- Additional Inventory Opportunities
- Protect valuable, at risk assets
- Historical/Archeological interpretation
- Mapping and Wayfinding investment (per AIA SDAT)
- Capitalize on NOAA Thunder Bay National Marine Sanctuary
- Research and Evaluation Opportunities