Thunder Bay, Lake Huron, is one of several sites in the Great Lakes region evaluated for inclusion as a National Marine Sanctuary. Thunder Bay is rich in Great Lakes maritime history—more than 100 shipwrecks have been found within it. The shipwrecks have been a popular attraction for recreational divers for many years. Zebra mussels have been found in highly concentrated populations near the mouth of the Thunder Bay River, which enters the bay at the city of Alpena. The coastal zone management and underwater historical preservation communities have raised concern over the effects of the spread of zebra mussel colonization on the wrecks. In addition to the potential destruction of historical artifacts, zebra mussel infestations on popular shipwrecks could diminish the interest in diving on these wrecks, resulting in an economic impact in the area through loss of tourism.