

**COMMONWEALTH OF MASSACHUSETTS
BOARD OF UNDERWATER ARCHAEOLOGICAL RESOURCES
FINAL MINUTES OF PUBLIC MEETING – December 4, 2025**

MEMBERS PRESENT:

Jack Chapin* (Designee of John Monaghan III, Colonel/Director of Environmental Law Enforcement)
Justin Malcolm* (Designee of Brona Simon, State Archaeologist)
Vincent Malkoski* (Gubernatorial Appointee, Dive Community Representative [organization])
Graham McKay* (Gubernatorial Appointee, Marine Archaeologist [at-large])
Jonathan Ruane* (substituting for Jonathan Patton) (Designee of Gregory Robbins, Director of DCR Division of Waterways)
Daniel Sampson* (Designee of Alison Brizius, Director of Coastal Zone Management)
Caitlin Ramos* (substituting for John Warner) (State Archivist)
(*present via remote access)

David Robinson, Director (Staff for the Board)
Patrice Bordonaro, CZM Staff Assistant/Meeting Co-Host

MEMBERS ABSENT:

Designee of Brona Simon (Executive Director, Massachusetts Historical Commission)
VACANT (Gubernatorial Appointee, Dive Community Representative [at-large])

PROCEEDINGS:

This hybrid-format (i.e., in-person and remote-access) public meeting of the Massachusetts Board of Underwater Archaeological Resources (the Board or BUAR) was convened by its Director, David Robinson (Dave R), at 12:31 PM on December 4, 2025 in the 9th floor conference room #9128 at 100 Cambridge Street, Suite 900, in Boston, with a quorum of seven (7) current members (including 2 substitutes) of the Board in attendance remotely, as confirmed by a roll-call.

The purpose of this public meeting was to conduct the BUAR's business that required the involvement of the full Board.

Items on the agenda included:

- approval of the September 25, 2025 Board meeting's minutes
- the Director's report
- Board Member reports
- a summary of the Board's Public Engagement Activities
- Old Business, and
- New Business.

Dave R explained that this meeting's hybrid format conforms with the Commonwealth's temporary provisions (now effective through June 30, 2027) pertaining to the Open Meeting Law that were signed by Governor Healey on March 28, 2025. These temporary provisions allow public bodies to continue holding their meetings remotely without a quorum of the public body physically present at a meeting location, and to provide "adequate, alternative" access to remote meetings. Board votes taken during this hybrid-format meeting were conducted through a roll-call, as required by MGL c. 30A, ss. 18-25.

Meeting ground-rules were reviewed and CZM Staff Assistant/Meeting Co-Host, Patrice Bordonaro, Board members (and their substitutes), permittees, prospective permittees, and members of the public were all welcomed to the meeting by Dave R.

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1. MINUTES

A. Minutes of the September 25, 2025 Meeting of the Board

Dave R asked if the Board had any comments or corrections to the draft minutes of the Board's September 25, 2025 public meeting. There were no comments or corrections to the minutes.

Daniel Sampson moved to accept the minutes of the Board's September 25, 2025 public meeting. Vincent Malkoski seconded. Six (6) in favor, with one (1) (John Warner's substitute, Caitlin Ramos) abstention, by a roll-call vote. So voted.

2. DIRECTOR'S REPORT

A. Board Membership Update

Dave R noted that the Board has three gubernatorially-appointed members that each commit to serving 3-year terms. These Board positions are:

- Marine Archaeologist (at large), held by Graham McKay since 2012;
- Diving Community Representative 1 (affiliated with and nominated by an established MA Dive Club), held by Vincent Malkoski since March 2021; and
- Diving Community Representative 2 (at large), which is currently vacant.

Dave R reported that Messrs. McKay and Malkoski have re-applied to the governor's office for consideration of their reappointment and are awaiting notification. Dave R also reported that there has been an applicant for the Board's currently vacant Diving Community Representative 2 (at large) seat. Dave R reported that he anticipated receiving notification in the very near future of the re-appointment and appointment of these Board seats.

B. Elections of Board Officers

Dave R stated that the Board annually elects its two officers (Director and Deputy Director) at its final meeting of the year. Dave R reminded the Board members that they can nominate whoever they would like and noted that the Board's past practice has been to consider and nominate its staff for these positions to facilitate administration. Prior to 2010, the Deputy Director position had been held by Board staff, as well. Backfilling this other staff position does not appear likely to happen in the foreseeable future. For 2025, David Robinson served as the Board's Director, and the Board's Deputy Director position was held by Board member, Daniel Sampson (designee of Alison Brizius, Director of CZM). Dave R noted that Mr. Sampson had expressed interest in serving another year as Deputy Director, if so nominated and voted to the position. Dave R then asked the Board for motions to nominate individuals for the Director and Deputy Director positions for the period beginning January 1 and ending December 31, 2026.

Vincent Malkoski moved to nominate David Robinson for the position of Director of the Board. Jack Chapin seconded.

Vincent Malkoski moved to nominate Daniel Sampson as Deputy Director of the Board. Jack Chapin seconded.

There was no further discussion. Justin Malcolm moved to elect David Robinson as Director and Daniel Sampson as Deputy Director of the Board for 2026. Graham McKay seconded. Unanimous in favor by a roll-call vote. So voted.

Dave R thanked the Board for its votes of confidence in Mr. Sampson's and his continued service to the Board and congratulated and thanked Mr. Sampson for serving again as the Board's Deputy Director.

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C. Schedule of Board Meetings for 2026

Dave R proposed a continuation of the bi-monthly schedule of regular public meetings in 2026 and noted that this schedule does not preclude the Board from holding additional public meetings, if there is a need. In addition, he asked the Board to consider not scheduling meetings in June, July, and August, as it is difficult to achieve a quorum in the summer months. Dave R proposed scheduling meetings in 2026 for January 29, March 26, May 28, September 24, and December 3.

Daniel Sampson moved to adopt the dates of January 29, March 26, May 28, September 24, and December 3 as the Board's schedule of public meetings for 2026. Vincent Malkoski seconded. There was no further discussion. Unanimous in favor by a roll-call vote. So voted.

*****Change in the Order of Business**

Due to the full agenda for the meeting, Dave R as Chair changed the order of business to move directly to the agenda's Old Business and New Business action items. These agenda items were then followed by the remainder of the Director's Report, Board Member Reports, and a summary of the Board's Public Engagement Activities since its September 25, 2025 meeting.

5. OLD BUSINESS

A. Archaeological and Historical Services, Inc. (AHS) – Special Use Permit (24-005), Cusky Pond Dam Removal Project New Braintree

AHS's Special Use Permit (24-005) to conduct archaeological monitoring/recordation and walkover (reconnaissance) survey of drawn-down/dewatered (formerly submerged lands) work areas of the Cusky Pond Dam Removal Project, in New Braintree, was up for renewal and set to expire unless renewed or extended by a vote of the Board. AHS's Principal, Meg Harper, submitted a request to the Board's staff asking the Board to consider granting AHS a second extension of their permit's expiration date until the Board's next regularly-scheduled public meeting. In circumstances such as this, it has been the Board's practice to grant up to two extensions of a permit's expiration date within a given permit year. This would be this permit's second extension. Ms. Harper was in attendance to represent this permit and said that progress was made on the project. Dave R said he would coordinate with her regarding the renewal application. There was no further discussion.

Vincent Malkoski moved to grant AHS a second, and final, extension of the expiration date of their Special Use Permit (24-005) to conduct archaeological monitoring/recordation and walkover (reconnaissance) survey of drawn-down/dewatered (formerly submerged lands) work areas of the Cusky Pond Dam Removal Project, in New Braintree, with all the standard and special conditions in effect. The duration of this permit extension shall be until the next public meeting of the Board, currently scheduled for January 29, 2026. Daniel Sampson seconded. Unanimous in favor by a roll-call vote. So voted.

B. AHS – Special Use Permit (24-006), Quaboag Wildlife Management Area at Salmon Brook, Brookfield

AHS's Special Use Permit (24-006) to conduct archaeological monitoring/recordation and walkover (reconnaissance) survey of drawn-down/dewatered (formerly submerged lands) work areas of the Quaboag Wildlife Management Area at Salmon Brook Project, in Brookfield, was up for renewal and set to expire unless renewed or extended by a vote of the Board. AHS's Principal, Meg Harper, submitted a request to the Board's staff asking the Board to consider granting AHS a second extension of their permit's expiration date until the Board's next regularly-scheduled public meeting. In circumstances such as this, it has been the Board's practice to grant up to two extensions of a permit's expiration date within a given permit year. This would be this permit's second extension. Ms. Harper was in attendance to represent this permit and said that progress was made on this project, as well. Dave R said he would coordinate with her regarding the renewal application. There was no further discussion.

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Graham McKay moved to grant AHS a second, and final, extension of the expiration date of their Special Use Permit (24-006) to conduct archaeological monitoring/recording and walkover (reconnaissance) survey of drawn-down/dewatered (formerly submerged lands) work areas of the Quaboag Wildlife Management Area at Salmon Brook Project, in Brookfield, with all the standard and special conditions in effect. The duration of this permit extension shall be until the next public meeting of the Board, currently scheduled for January 29, 2026. Vincent Malkoski seconded. Unanimous in favor by a roll-call vote. So voted.

C. Gary V. Esper (REC 12-005), Wellfleet and Eastham

Gary Esper's Reconnaissance Permit (12-005) for his Wellfleet/Eastham site was up for renewal. Mr. Esper had submitted a complete renewal application, fee payment, and annual report in accordance with the Board's regulations. Mr. Esper was in attendance via remote access to represent this permit. Mr. Esper reported that his activities in his permit area in 2025 were limited, as his boat had to be repowered. Mr. Esper noted that he had provided the Board's staff with his renewed National Park Service (NPS)/Cape Cod National Seashore (CACO) Research Permit and his US Army Corps of Engineers (USACE) General Permit. The Board's staff acknowledged and thanked Mr. Esper for his diligence in complying with the requirements of his BUAR permit in notifying the Board and the NPS/CACO and copying the Board's staff with his permit-related correspondence with the NPS/CACO and the USACE. There was no further discussion.

Daniel Sampson moved to grant Gary V. Esper renewal of his Reconnaissance Permit (12-005) for the exploration and inspection of underwater archaeological resource(s) at his Wellfleet/Eastham site with all standard and special conditions in effect, including that Mr. Esper: 1) coordinates all field activities with BUAR, NPS/CACO and the USACE, as required by his BUAR, USACE, and NPS/CACO permits; 2) that no excavation is conducted as part of this Reconnaissance Permit; and 3) that any artifacts recovered from the surface of the seafloor within the permit area are not to be removed from the Commonwealth without prior approval of the Board's staff. The duration of this permit shall be one year from the date of issuance with its new expiration date set as December 4, 2026. Vincent Malkoski seconded. Unanimous in favor by a roll-call vote. So voted.

D. Gary V. Esper (EXC 12-006), Eastham

Gary V. Esper's Excavation Permit (12-006) for his Eastham site was up for renewal. Mr. Esper had submitted a complete renewal application, fee payment, and annual report, in accordance with the Board's regulations. Mr. Esper was in attendance via remote access to represent this permit. Mr. Esper reported that his activities in Excavation Permit (12-006) area in 2025 were limited, as his boat had to be repowered. Mr. Esper noted that he had provided the Board's staff with his renewed National Park Service (NPS)/Cape Cod National Seashore (CACO) Research Permit and his US Army Corps of Engineers (USACE) General Permit. The Board's staff acknowledged and thanked Mr. Esper for his diligence in complying with the requirements of his BUAR permit in notifying the Board and the NPS/CACO and copying the Board's staff with his permit-related correspondence with the NPS/CACO and the USACE. There was no further discussion.

Vincent Malkoski moved to grant renewal of Gary Esper's Excavation Permit (12-006) for the exploration, excavation, and recovery of underwater archaeological resource(s) at his Eastham site with all standard and special conditions in effect, including that Mr. Esper: 1) coordinates all field activities with BUAR, NPS/CACO and the USACE, as required by his BUAR, USACE, and NPS/CACO permits; and 2) that any artifacts recovered from within the permit area are not to be removed from the Commonwealth without prior approval of the Board's staff. The duration of this permit shall be one year from the date of issuance with its new expiration date set as December 4, 2026. Daniel Sampson seconded. Unanimous in favor by a roll-call vote. So voted.

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E. William Gallagher, Charles Zarba, Robert Foley, and Douglas Eaton (REC 22-008), Boston

William Gallagher, Charles Zarba, Robert Foley, and Douglas Eaton's Reconnaissance Permit (22-008) for their Boston site was up for renewal. Mr. Zarba had submitted a request on behalf of the group to the Board's staff asking the Board to consider granting them an extension of their permit's expiration date until the Board's next regularly-scheduled public meeting. In circumstances such as this it has been the Board's practice to grant up to two extensions of a permit's expiration date within a given permit year. This would be this permit's first extension. Messrs. Gallagher and Zarba were in attendance remotely to represent this permit. Mr. Gallagher reported multiple equipment-related issues and set-backs had limited their work on-site. There was no further discussion.

Daniel Sampson moved to grant William Gallagher, Charles Zarba, Robert Foley, and Douglas Eaton an extension of the expiration date of their Reconnaissance Permit (22-008) for their Boston site with all standard conditions in effect, until the next meeting of the Board. Vincent Malkoski seconded. Unanimous in favor by a roll-call vote. So voted.

F. Gray & Pape, Inc. (SUP 21-006), New England Wind I OECC Project, State Waters Portions of Nantucket Sound and the Atlantic Ocean, Barnstable to Edgartown

Gray & Pape, Inc.'s Special Use Permit (21-006) for the New England Wind I OECC Project (State waters portions of Nantucket Sound and the Atlantic Ocean, from Barnstable to Edgartown) was up for renewal. Gray & Pape, Inc.'s Maritime Services Practice Leader and Principal Investigator for the permit, Dr. Amanda Evans, submitted had submitted a request on behalf of Gray & Pape, Inc. to the Board's staff asking the Board to consider granting them an extension of their permit's expiration date until the Board's next regularly-scheduled public meeting. In circumstances such as this it has been the Board's practice to grant up to two extensions of a permit's expiration date within a given permit year. This would be this permit's first extension. Dr. Evans was in attendance to represent this permit. There was no further discussion.

Vincent Malkoski moved to grant Gray & Pape, Inc. an extension of the expiration date of their Special Use Permit (21-006) for their New England Wind I OECC Project area located in the State waters portions of Nantucket Sound and the Atlantic Ocean, between Barnstable and Edgartown, with all standard conditions in effect, until the next meeting of the Board. Daniel Sampson seconded. Unanimous in favor by a roll-call vote. So voted.

G. North Atlantic Dive Expeditions – Reconnaissance Permit (17-004), Gloucester

North Atlantic Dive Expeditions' (or NADE) Reconnaissance Permit (17-004) for their Gloucester site was up for renewal and set to expire unless renewed or extended by a vote of the Board. The Board had previously granted NADE two extensions of their permit's expiration date at its May and September 2025 meetings. NADE's Heather Knowles submitted a complete renewal application, fee payment, and annual report, in accordance with the Board's regulations. Ms. Knowles was not in attendance to represent this permit. There was no further discussion.

Vincent Malkoski moved to grant renewal of NADE's Reconnaissance Permit (17-004) for their Gloucester site, with all standard and special conditions in effect, for the duration of one year from the date of issuance, retroactive to the permit's original May 29, 2025 expiration date, with its new expiration date set as May 29, 2026. Daniel Sampson seconded. Unanimous in favor by a roll-call vote. So voted.

6. NEW BUSINESS

There was no new business.

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*****Change in the Order of Business**

Dave R, as Chair, changed the order of business, again, and moved back to the Director's Report, followed by the Board Member Reports, and a summary of the Board's Public Engagement Activities since its September 25, 2025 meeting.

2. DIRECTOR'S REPORT (continued)

Dave R reported that accomplishments and activities during what is typically a very busy period for the Board's staff were lighter than usual as a result of his unplanned absence from work for much of the time between the end of June through August due to the terminal illness and passing of his step-father and his own extended period of illness.

D. Fieldwork

- North Plymouth "Bow" Find Research Update, North Plymouth

Dave R reported that in October 2025, BUAR received AMS radiocarbon dating results from Lund University's Department of Geology's Radiocarbon Dating Laboratory for the North Plymouth "Bow" find. This underwater archaeological resource was found and reported to BUAR in 2019 by citizen scientist, Tony Uva. Funding for the dating was provided by a grant obtained by former BUAR Board member and Lund University professor, Dr. Brendan Foley, with input and assistance from the Board's staff. This dating was conducted as part of BUAR's ongoing research on, and management of, the find site. Dating results indicated that the North Plymouth "bow" dates from the pre-European contact period and is approximately 595 years old (+/- 35 years) with a calibrated calendar date (95.4% probability) of 1295-1415 calAD. This dating result is significant, as this find is the only known archaeological example from the Northeast of a precontact period bow. Second, the preservation of this fragile wooden bow in a relict ancient wetland landform eroded and exposed by the shoreline's landward retreat due to sea level rise speaks to the critical importance of BUAR actively monitoring, identifying, inventorying, and managing the unique and non-renewable archaeological resources that are threatened by coastal hazards, such as sea-level rise and erosion. Periodic site monitoring by BUAR has been on-going since the find was first reported. This monitoring has determined that the now sub-tidal and inter-tidal relict elements of the formerly terrestrial ancient landscape in which the bow was found (along with other, possibly related, ancient Indigenous artifacts) has completely eroded away since the bow's discovery in 2019. Consequently, archaeological investigation of this now-absent landform, to try to determine the circumstances of the bow and nearby artifacts' deposition into the archaeological record, is no longer possible. BUAR is consulting with the Tribal Historic Preservation Offices of the Mashpee Wampanoag Tribe and the Wampanoag Tribe of Gay Head (Aquinnah) to inform next steps in the management and disposition of this extraordinary find.

- Chelsea Creek Shipwreck Research Update, Revere

Dave R reported that AMS radiocarbon dating results were also received by BUAR in October 2025 from Beta Analytic, Inc., in Miami, FL, for a wood sample collected by BUAR of a floor timber from a shipwreck in Chelsea Creek, Revere. The sample was sent to Beta Analytic, Inc. in August 2025 for decontamination treatment and AMS radiocarbon dating. This dating was sought as part of a multi-year collaborative research project between BUAR staff and a small group of citizen scientists, the latter of which are led by retired *Boston Globe* reporter, Stephen Kurkjian, who, generously, provided funding for this (and a previous) shipwreck dating effort. The research project is an extension of years of previous underwater archaeological research on Chelsea Creek's intertidal shipwrecks conducted under a BUAR permit by the late James Karos. Radiocarbon dating was considered by BUAR staff to be the least-optimal choice for obtaining an absolute date for the shipwreck, due to BUAR's concerns over significant carbon contamination of sediments at the site that would throw off the accuracy of the date, as well as the other inherent limitations of radiocarbon dating for sites less than about 300 years old. An accurate date for the shipwreck was sought to inform the hypothesis by Mr. Kurkjian and his colleagues that the wreck in Chelsea Creek could be that of the British warship, HMS *Diana*, the first enemy vessel sunk during the 1775

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American Revolutionary War. AMS radiometric dating results received from Beta Analytic, Inc. were, unfortunately, inconclusive with multiple date ranges spanning the past 300-plus years reported as all possible.

Follow-up communication with Beta Analytic, Inc. in November 2025 resulted in them explaining the reason for the AMS radiometric dating being inconclusive as follows:

For the years of about 1700-1965 there is a very poor relationship between the C14 years and the calendar years. Many different increases and decreases of carbon into the atmosphere at this time [due to "...fluctuations in the amount of 14C being produced in the upper atmosphere due to changes in the solar output of the Sun, the Earth's magnetic field and in more recent times (since 1880) the onset of the industrial revolution and the widespread burning of fossil fuels, and from the mid-1950's to mid-1960's above ground thermo-nuclear weapons testing."] make this time period very inaccurate in nature. From about 1700 AD to 1780 AD, the amount of 14C in the atmosphere dramatically decreased, followed by a period of return to normalcy from about 1780 AD to the late 1800s. During the late 1800s the onset of the industrial revolution and widespread fossil fuel burning pumped lots of very old (fossil) C into the atmosphere again increasing the amount of 14C in the atmosphere. Then from the mid-1950's to mid-1960's above ground thermo-nuclear weapons testing again dramatically increased the amount of 14C in the atmosphere.

This created a very large "wobble" in the amount of 14C in the atmosphere during this time leading to the calibration curve being very flat and plateaued in nature. Due to this poor relationship between the radiocarbon years and calendar years, the results are much less precise during this time period and it is very difficult to pinpoint a precise age within this range. A most conservative interpretation is typically "cal AD 1700 – 1950". The best hope is that other lines of evidence are available to refine the age within this time period.

Other lines of evidence recorded to date at the Chelsea Creek shipwreck site include: historical data compiled from archival records researched as part of BUAR's 2011 National Park Service American Battlefields Program-funded study; archaeological evidence recorded by the late BUAR-permittee, Mr. Karos; expert opinions of three maritime archaeologists specializing in North American and colonial period ship construction that were consulted by BUAR, as well as the expert opinions of BUAR's chief archaeologist and the Board's maritime archaeologist; and archaeological data recorded by BUAR staff with the assistance of the Board's maritime archaeologist, Graham McKay, as well as Mr. Kurkjian, and others, over the last several years. These lines of evidence all lead to the conclusion that the Chelsea Creek shipwreck is not the remains of HMS *Diana*. The Chelsea Creek shipwreck is in the wrong location, is much too large of a vessel, and shows no archaeological evidence of burning (the historically-recorded cause of HMS *Diana*'s demise) in any of its exposed timbers or in the contents of push-cores that were taken by BUAR staff in seven locations distributed every 10 feet along 70 feet of the shipwreck's 100 foot-plus long hull. These samples were recovered from the deepest part of the hull (i.e., in the spaces between the floor timbers next to the keelson), where sawdust from the ship's original construction were encountered in the bottoms of all but one of the push-cores. Efforts to obtain an absolute date for the shipwreck through a combination of dendrochronological dating of BUAR-recovered wood samples from the shipwreck by Columbia University's Lamont-Doherty Earth Lab (also generously funded by Mr. Kurkjian), and AMS radiocarbon dating by Beta Analytic, Inc. of a BUAR-recovered wood sample, proved unsuccessful in obtaining an accurate date for the shipwreck. The Board's staff plans to continue coordinating with Mr. Kurkjian with the intent that a journal article and public presentation can be produced documenting the methods, results, and conclusions of this BUAR-citizen science collaborative research project.

E. Meetings

- Hull Lifesaving Museum

On November 11, 2025, the Board's staff met with Maureen Gillis, Director of Development at the Hull Lifesaving Museum, to discuss BUAR's upcoming talk at the Museum on April 12, 2026, on the BUAR-CZM Project of Special Merit and future efforts to assess the vulnerability of Hull's coastal cultural resources to

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coastal hazards/coastal change, as well as to think about other opportunities for BUAR and the Hull Life Saving Museum to collaborate on public education and citizen science (e.g., the STAMP program). Ms. Gillis provided BUAR staff with tours of the Museum's properties at Fort Revere and the HLSM Boat House, and showed them the recent changes to the museum's meeting space where the Board's staff will be presenting a public lecture in April 2026.

3. BOARD MEMBER REPORTS

Board Member and Massachusetts State Archivist, John Warner, represented by his designee for the meeting, Caitlin Ramos, invited State Archives colleagues and archivists, Eirini Karoutsos and Jamie Huang, to give a PowerPoint presentation as the State Archivist's Board Member Report. Their excellent presentation described how Massachusetts State Archives can provide resources on numerous topics related to nautical research, including passenger manifests, records related to piracy, and information on shipwrecks. The presentation showcased Ms. Karoutsos's and Mr. Huang's research methodologies using the Massachusetts Archives Collection and discussed how Archives staff can better serve groups like the BUAR in their research endeavors. Ms. Karoutsos's and Mr. Huang's recent research for a planned exhibit based on a cannon in Groton, MA, reportedly belonging to the British warship, HMS *Diana*, led to broader research into the history of the vessel and its role during the Revolutionary War "Battle of Chelsea Creek." The presenters noted that HMS *Diana* materials in the Archives are poorly indexed and significant archival "digging" was necessary. They also noted that "shipwrecks" were generally not treated universally the same in the Archives indexing scheme and that searching by vessel names, instead of just by the key word "shipwreck," could be fruitful. Ms. Karoutsos and Mr. Huang recommended BUAR and its permittees planning to do research at the Archives contact Archives staff in advance to provide adequate time for resources to be located prior to doing onsite research. Board Member Sampson commented that BUAR may want to consider formalizing guidelines for its permittees that encourage them to conduct research at the Massachusetts State Archives as part of their Board-permitted projects. Dave R thanked Ms. Karoutsos and Mr. Huang for their presentation, requested a .pdf copy of it, and commented that he hoped to schedule a future visit with them in 2026 to brainstorm more ways that BUAR and its permittees could maximize their use of the Archives in their research.

4. PUBLIC ENGAGEMENT ACTIVITIES

A. BUAR Free Public Presentation, City of Quincy Open Heritage Day, Quincy

On Saturday, September 27, 2025, the Board's staff gave two free public presentations at the William F. Ryan Boathouse & Sailing Facility in Quincy. The presentations introduced the public to BUAR and summarized BUAR and CZM's recently completed NOAA Project of Special Merit. These presentations were given as part of Quincy's inaugural "Open Heritage Day" celebrating the city's 400th anniversary. The event offered to the public free access to historic sites, including the *USS Salem* warship, the Adams National Historical Park, and various historic homes and museums, with over 30 sites offering tours, programs, and living history demonstrations, and by all measures was a great success.

Dave R thanked his CZM meeting co-host, the Board and its substitutes and special guests, and members of the public who attended the meeting, wished everyone a joyous holiday season and happy and healthy new year, and reminded everyone that the next regularly-scheduled public meeting of the Board will be at **12:30 pm** on **Thursday, January 29, 2026**. This next meeting will also be held in a hybrid format and accessible both remotely and as an in-person meeting in CZM/BUAR's offices on the 9th floor at 100 Cambridge Street in Boston. Instructions for accessing the meeting remotely or in-person will be posted prior to the meeting on the Board's Public Meetings Information webpage (<https://www.mass.gov/service-details/buar-public-meeting-information>). Permittees and interested members of the public were encouraged to monitor the BUAR webpage's Public Meetings Information section for other updates, meeting agendas, and meeting minutes.

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Vincent Malksoki moved to adjourn the meeting at 1:43 PM. Daniel Sampson seconded. Unanimous in favor by a roll-call vote. So voted.

Respectfully submitted,
David S. Robinson
Director