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Lake Superior National Marine Conservation Area Administrative Centre

THUNDER BAY, Ontario, February 17, 2009 – The community of Nipigon has been selected as the location for the Lake Superior National Marine Conservation Area administrative centre. The process to identify an interim location for the office in Nipigon is currently underway.

The selection of a location allows Parks Canada to begin initial staffing for the protected area. Up to six full-time staff and several students, could be hired this year. Decisions about other operational facilities and their locations along the north shore will be guided by the interim management plan, currently under development. Parks Canada, with the help of a twenty-member, multi-stakeholder advisory board, is expected to complete the plan by next winter.

The creation of Lake Superior National Marine Conservation Area—the largest freshwater protected area in the world—was announced in 2007. National marine conservation areas are part of Parks Canada’s family of protected heritage sites. Each marine conservation area represents the natural and cultural characteristics of the marine region it represents and demonstrates how protection can be balanced with sustainable use.

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