Dr. Douglas Scott  
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Dear Dr. Scott:

Thank you for your letter. I support the Society for Historical Archaeology’s recommendation to incorporate the UNESCO Annex rules into the National Marine Sanctuary Program’s guidelines and will ask my staff to follow them as a matter of practice and policy. The UNESCO Annex rules are already standard practice by many NOAA archaeologists, and are included in the RMS Titanic guidelines, working documents, and operations guidelines. We will also consider proposing regulations to incorporate the rules as part of the sanctuary regulations.

I look forward to following the progress in your efforts. If you have any questions, please feel free to contact me at (301) 713-7235.

Sincerely,

Daniel J. Basta
Director  
National Marine Sanctuaries Program