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To Whom it May Concern:

RE: Deep/Quest 2 Expeditions Operation Vortex 2022

This is to support the aims and objectives of Deep/Quest 2 Expeditions project Operation Vortex 2022, "In Search of Sunken History".

South Shore Joint Initiative (SSJI) is working to protect Prince Edward County's South Shore Important Bird and Biodiversity Area to maintain or increase the biodiversity of its terrestrial and marine ecosystems. SSJI's vision is a permanently protected South Shore where biodiversity and people thrive. Central to our work is our mission for education and advocacy for the protection, preservation and restoration of the South Shore lands and waters.

Current SSJI projects include gathering and archiving an oral history of the Commercial Fishery of Eastern Lake Ontario. Ultimately this project will result in a published volume of stories detailing the lives and stories of generations of fishing families from Prince Edward County.

SSJI is also working closely with Nature Canada on its project to achieve National Marine Conservation Area status for the waters and near shore areas of Eastern Lake Ontario. This effort is targeted towards encouraging the beginning of a Feasibility Assessment for the area.

Operation Vortex will add important information about lost vessels in Eastern Lake Ontario. The results of the project will add crucial data to the Nature Canada project as well as SSJI's Commercial Fishery project.

South Shore Joint Initiative looks forward to seeing the results of Operation Vortex and wishes Deep/Quest 2 Expeditions good luck with the project.

Yours truly,

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