



Mackinac Island State Park Commission
Policy

Archaeology

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Preamble:

A program of archaeological investigation of the site of Fort Michilimackinac has been ongoing since 1959, and work has also been done from time to time on other sites under the jurisdiction of the Commission.

General Policy

Archaeological research is essential to the reconstruction of Fort Michilimackinac and to expanding knowledge of the history of the Straits area. Because archaeological field work destroys the evidence in the ground, it is vital that complete and accurate records of such investigations be maintained, reports be written and published, and artifacts recovered be properly cataloged, stored, and preserved.

The cooperation and assistance of institutions of learning may be sought in the study and analysis of archaeological findings.

The Commission supports the work of the Department of Natural Resources in protecting the underwater archaeological resources of the State. (Minutes of May 14, 1971, p. 1258)