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CONFERENCE PAPER ABSTRACT

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TITLE OF PAPER:	Protecting Underwater Cultural Heritage in the Pacific as a Pillar of Sustainable Development
THEME:	<i>Specific Session 1: Underwater Cultural Heritage</i>
PAPER ABSTRACT: <p>The historic preservation program of the United States Department of the Interior, Bureau of Ocean Energy Management is based in stewardship, science-informed decisions, and scientific integrity. This responsibility for historic preservation is mandated by the United States' National Historic Preservation Act of 1966, the National Environmental Policy Act of 1969, the Outer Continental Shelf Lands Act of 1953, all as amended. In its most basic sense, we must ensure that underwater cultural heritage is identified and given due consideration during conventional and renewable energy exploration and development and marine minerals extraction in United States Federal waters between 3 and 200 nautical miles from shore. To achieve these values and meet these statutory requirements, we actively seeking varied ways of knowing, e.g, traditional knowledge and landscape approaches, and we allow for concurrent historic contexts to be defined and understood at various scales. Considering our jurisdiction covers 1.76 billion acres of submerged federal lands, these approaches can profoundly alter our understanding of place, uniting individuals of highly disparate backgrounds, and improving appreciation of our shared human heritage. Within BOEM's jurisdiction of the OCS, the majority of cultural resources fall into two categories: historic sites such as shipwrecks and associated remains, sunken aircraft, and other maritime infrastructure; and indigenous sites including Traditional Cultural Properties and tribal cultural landscapes. This paper will highlight studies recently completed and ongoing, and provide examples of the importance, value, and challenges surrounding underwater cultural heritage management as a component of sustainable development, as we have experienced it.</p>	
BRIEF BIOGRAPHICAL INFORMATION ABOUT THE PRESENTER: <p>Ms. Carrier is a Registered Professional Archaeologist and Scientific Diver with more than fifteen years of supervisory experience in cultural resources management, and an MA in Archaeology and Prehistory. She has extensive archaeological field and laboratory experience, having directed historic and prehistoric Phase I, II, and III surveys and mitigations throughout the United States of America, the United Kingdom, and Greece. She joined her present employer in 2011 to provide regulatory and marine archaeological support for the nation's development of offshore renewable energy and has since taken a national-level policy position in the protection and preservation of underwater cultural heritage.</p>	