

UNITED STATES DEPARTMENT OF THE INTERIOR  
NATIONAL PARK SERVICE

STATE: Washington  
 COUNTY: King  
 FOR NPS USE ONLY  
 ENTRY DATE: JUN 10 1974

**NATIONAL REGISTER OF HISTORIC PLACES  
INVENTORY - NOMINATION FORM**

Type all entries - complete applicable sections)

Washington Street Public Boat Landing Facility  
 AND/OR HISTORIC: Seattle Harbor Department Shelter

**2. LOCATION**

STREET AND NUMBER: S. Washington Street, 100' right of way, west of Alaskan Way  
 CITY OR TOWN: Seattle CONGRESSIONAL DISTRICT: # 7 - Honorable Brock Adams  
 STATE: Washington CODE: 53 COUNTY: King CODE: 33

**3. CLASSIFICATION**

CATEGORY (Check One)	OWNERSHIP	STATUS	ACCESSIBLE TO THE PUBLIC
<input type="checkbox"/> District <input type="checkbox"/> Site <input type="checkbox"/> Object	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Public <input type="checkbox"/> Private <input type="checkbox"/> Both	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Occupied <input type="checkbox"/> Unoccupied <input type="checkbox"/> Preservation work in progress	Yes: <input type="checkbox"/> Restricted <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Unrestricted <input type="checkbox"/> No
<input type="checkbox"/> Building <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Structure	Public Acquisition: <input type="checkbox"/> In Process <input type="checkbox"/> Being Considered		

PRESENT USE (Check One or More as Appropriate)

<input type="checkbox"/> Agricultural	<input type="checkbox"/> Government	<input type="checkbox"/> Park	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Transportation	<input type="checkbox"/> Comments
<input type="checkbox"/> Commercial	<input type="checkbox"/> Industrial	<input type="checkbox"/> Private Residence	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Other (Specify)	
<input type="checkbox"/> Educational	<input type="checkbox"/> Military	<input type="checkbox"/> Religious	Harbor Patrol	
<input type="checkbox"/> Entertainment	<input type="checkbox"/> Museum	<input type="checkbox"/> Scientific	& Boat Landing	

**4. OWNER OF PROPERTY**

OWNER'S NAME: City of Seattle  
 STREET AND NUMBER:  
 CITY OR TOWN: Seattle STATE: Washington CODE: 53

**5. LOCATION OF LEGAL DESCRIPTION**

COURTHOUSE, REGISTRY OF DEEDS, ETC.: King County Auditor's Office  
 STREET AND NUMBER: County Courthouse  
 CITY OR TOWN: Seattle STATE: Washington CODE: 53

**6. REPRESENTATION IN EXISTING SURVEYS**

TITLE OF SURVEY: Seattle Register of Historic Places  
 DATE OF SURVEY: 1969  Federal  State  County  Local  
 DEPOSITORY FOR SURVEY RECORDS: Department of Community Development  
 STREET AND NUMBER: Seattle Municipal Building  
 CITY OR TOWN: Seattle STATE: Washington CODE: 53

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7. DESCRIPTION

CONDITION

(Check One)

Excellent     Good     Fair     Deteriorated     Ruins     Unexposed

(Check One)

Altered     Unaltered

(Check One)

Moved     Original Site

DESCRIBE THE PRESENT AND ORIGINAL (if known) PHYSICAL APPEARANCE

This shelter is fabricated of steel sections and trims with the main structure held by sixteen columns. An enclosed office fills the space between the two north bays. Galvanized iron sheathing covers wood surfaces. The roof was originally wood decking with a galvanized iron sheath with raised seams. It has been mopped over with roofing tar. The floor is wood decking in tongue and groove. The complete structure is suspended beyond the existing sea wall, on wood piling.

The arched shelter provides a formal entrance to two dock facilities, one of which is used by the Harbor Patrol, and the other a public boat landing.

The structure, built in 1920, has deteriorated considerably over the years, but its physical plan has been altered very little.

A \$50,000 donation for the restoration of the shelter and construction of a public boat landing facility was recently received from three Seattle families. Restoration of the shelter and construction of the public boat landing is to be completed by May 1, 1973, thus restoring the shelter to its original condition.



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**6. SIGNIFICANCE**

PERIOD (Check One or More as Appropriate)

<input type="checkbox"/> Pre-Columbian	<input type="checkbox"/> 16th Century	<input type="checkbox"/> 18th Century	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> 20th Century
<input type="checkbox"/> 15th Century	<input type="checkbox"/> 17th Century	<input type="checkbox"/> 19th Century	

SPECIFIC DATE(S) (If Applicable and Known) 1920 to date

AREAS OF SIGNIFICANCE (Check One or More as Appropriate)

<input type="checkbox"/> Aboriginal	<input type="checkbox"/> Education	<input type="checkbox"/> Political	<input type="checkbox"/> Urban Planning
<input type="checkbox"/> Prehistoric	<input type="checkbox"/> Engineering	<input type="checkbox"/> Religion/Philosophy	<input type="checkbox"/> Other (Specify)
<input type="checkbox"/> Historic	<input type="checkbox"/> Industry	<input type="checkbox"/> Science	_____
<input type="checkbox"/> Agriculture	<input type="checkbox"/> Invention	<input type="checkbox"/> Sculpture	_____
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Architecture	<input type="checkbox"/> Landscape Architecture	<input type="checkbox"/> Social/Humanitarian	_____
<input type="checkbox"/> Art	<input type="checkbox"/> Literature	<input type="checkbox"/> Theater	_____
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<input type="checkbox"/> Communications	<input type="checkbox"/> Music		_____
<input type="checkbox"/> Conservation			_____

STATEMENT OF SIGNIFICANCE

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The Washington Street Public Boat Landing Facility has been a Seattle landmark since 1920. The graceful shelter, similar in appearance to the earlier Pioneer Square Pergola, has served as a public boat landing, as headquarters for the Harbor Patrol, and as a landing for the United States Navy liberty boats. It has also been used by the Port of Seattle as a landing for crews of non-military ships at anchor in the harbor. It is still used by the Port of Seattle in this way today, and also serves as the only public boat landing on all of Elliott Bay.

The shelter was designed in 1920, by city architect D.R. Huntington. The original working drawings are in the city files. The shelter served a utilitarian function, yet also was a decorative addition to that area of waterfront activity. Thousands of Naval personnel passed through the arches in the years when controlled by the shore patrol. Since that time, public and private activity has continued the flow of persons through the structure. It still is considered the "entrance" to the city from the water.

The Public Boat Landing Facility is significant, not only for its attractive architecture and for its connection with all phases of water-land transit, but also as the only remaining link if the Pioneer Square District with the historic waterfront. Many sites on the waterfront were the scenes of specific historic events (including this site being the home of the Wayside Mission Hospital), but this shelter is the last remaining structure reminding us of the city's long and continuing connection with maritime activity.



**9 MAJOR BIBLIOGRAPHICAL REFERENCES**

City of Seattle, Seattle Register of Historic Places. Compiled by Victor Steinbrueck for the City, 1969.

City of Seattle, city architect's office, original drawings of the shelter, 1920.

**10. GEOGRAPHICAL DATA**

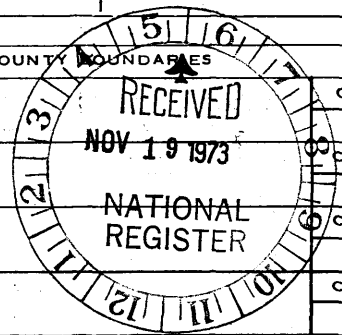
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APPROXIMATE ACREAGE OF NOMINATED PROPERTY: Less than one

LIST ALL STATES AND COUNTIES FOR PROPERTIES OVERLAPPING STATE OR COUNTY BOUNDARIES

STATE:	CODE	COUNTY	CODE



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**11. FORM PREPARED BY**

NAME AND TITLE: Arthur M. Skolnik, Manager

ORGANIZATION: Pioneer Square Historic District DATE: January 3, 1973

STREET AND NUMBER: 311 First Avenue South

CITY OR TOWN: Seattle STATE: Washington CODE: 53

**12. STATE LIAISON OFFICER CERTIFICATION NATIONAL REGISTER VERIFICATION**

As the designated State Liaison Officer for the National Historic Preservation Act of 1966 (Public Law 89-665), I hereby nominate this property for inclusion in the National Register and certify that it has been evaluated according to the criteria and procedures set forth by the National Park Service. The recommended level of significance of this nomination is:

National  State  Local

Name Charles H. Odegaard  
Charles H. Odegaard

Title Director - Washington State Parks & Recreation Commission

Date Nov 7, 1973

I hereby certify that this property is included in the National Register.

Ernest Allen Connally  
~~Associate Director~~  
Professional Services

Date JUN 10 1974

ATTEST:

Charles H. Odegaard  
Keeper of The National Register

Date 6-10-74