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SUPPLEMENTARY LISTING RECORD

NRIS Reference Number: 91000406

Date Listed: 04/11/91


Whidden Fish Cabin at Captiva Rocks
Property Name

Lee
County

FL
State

Fish Cabins of Charlotte Harbor MPS
Multiple Name

This property is listed in the National Register of Historic Places in accordance with the attached nomination documentation subject to the following exceptions, exclusions, or amendments, notwithstanding the National Park Service certification included in the nomination documentation.


Signature of the Keeper

04/11/91
Date of Action

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Amended Items in Nomination:

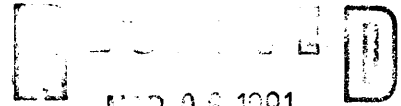
The area of significance, "Agriculture," is not discussed and should not be included. It was mistakenly entered under the categories, Historic Function and Area of Significance, but should only be listed under Historic Function.

Discussed with Tulie Taylor, FL SHPO, on April 11, 1991.

DISTRIBUTION:

- National Register property file
- Nominating Authority (without attachment)

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Registration Form

NATIONAL REGISTER

This form is for use in nominating or requesting determinations of eligibility for individual properties or districts. See instructions in *Guidelines for Completing National Register Forms* (National Register Bulletin 16). Complete each item by marking "x" in the appropriate box or by entering the requested information. If an item does not apply to the property being documented, enter "N/A" for "not applicable." For functions, styles, materials, and areas of significance, enter only the categories and subcategories listed in the instructions. For additional space use continuation sheets (Form 10-900a). Type all entries.

1. Name of Property

historic name Whidden Fish Cabin at Captiva Rocks
other names/site number 8LLI406

2. Location

street & number N/A not for publication
city, town West of Little Wood Key, Pine Island Sound vicinity
state Florida code FL county Lee code 071 zip code N/A

3. Classification

Ownership of Property

- private
- public-local
- public-State
- public-Federal

Category of Property

- building(s)
- district
- site
- structure
- object

Number of Resources within Property

Contributing	Noncontributing
<u>1</u>	<u>0</u> buildings
<u> </u>	<u> </u> sites
<u> </u>	<u> </u> structures
<u> </u>	<u> </u> objects
<u>1</u>	<u>0</u> Total

Name of related multiple property listing:
Fish Cabins of Charlotte Harbor

Number of contributing resources previously listed in the National Register 0

4. State/Federal Agency Certification

As the designated authority under the National Historic Preservation Act of 1966, as amended, I hereby certify that this nomination request for determination of eligibility meets the documentation standards for registering properties in the National Register of Historic Places and meets the procedural and professional requirements set forth in 36 CFR Part 60. In my opinion, the property meets does not meet the National Register criteria. See continuation sheet.

Suzanne P. Walker (deputy) 2/28/91
Signature of certifying official State Historic Preservation Officer Date
Florida Dept. of State-Bureau of Historic Preservation
State or Federal agency and bureau

In my opinion, the property meets does not meet the National Register criteria. See continuation sheet.

Signature of commenting or other official Date

State or Federal agency and bureau

5. National Park Service Certification

I, hereby, certify that this property is:

- entered in the National Register. See continuation sheet.
- determined eligible for the National Register. See continuation sheet.
- determined not eligible for the National Register.
- removed from the National Register.
- other, (explain:)

Amy Federman 4/6/91

Signature of the Keeper Date of Action

6. Function or Use

Historic Functions (enter categories from instructions)
AGRICULTURE/SUBSISTENCE/fishing
facility or site

Current Functions (enter categories from instructions)
DOMESTIC-camp

7. Description

Architectural Classification
(enter categories from instructions)
OTHER: vernacular

Materials (enter categories from instructions)
foundation wood
walls wood: shingle
roof metal
other

Describe present and historic physical appearance.

Please see continuation sheet.

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DESCRIPTION

SUMMARY

The Whidden Fish Cabin at Captiva Rocks contributes to the Fish Cabins of Charlotte Harbor Multiple Property Group under Associated Property Type: Fish Cabins of Charlotte Harbor, c. 1920 - 1941. It is an example of the sub-type, Residential Cabins. Located in Pine Island Sound at the south end of Charlotte Harbor, it is a one story, wood frame vernacular building set on wood pilings over the water. Built before 1930, the building has a corrugated metal gable roof and vertical board siding.

DESCRIPTIVE STATEMENT

The Whidden Fish Cabin at Captiva Rocks was built prior to 1930 by the Punta Gorda Fish Company. A one story wood frame vernacular building, it is set on wood pilings over the water at Captiva Rocks shoal in Pine Island Sound, which is at the south end of Charlotte Harbor. The building has a corrugated metal gable roof and is clad in shingles and board and batten siding. A covered porch and deck are located on the east side of the building. Double hung sash windows are intact and in their original configuration. (Photos 1-3) Original pilings and decking are present.

8. Statement of Significance

Certifying official has considered the significance of this property in relation to other properties:

nationally statewide locally

Applicable National Register Criteria A B C D

Criteria Considerations (Exceptions) A B C D E F G

Areas of Significance (enter categories from instructions)

MARITIME HISTORY

AGRICULTURE

Period of Significance

c. 1920 - 1941

Significant Dates

N/A

Cultural Affiliation

N/A

Significant Person

N/A

Architect/Builder

unknown

State significance of property, and justify criteria, criteria considerations, and areas and periods of significance noted above.

Please see continuation sheet.

See continuation sheet

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SIGNIFICANCE

SUMMARY

The Whidden Fish Cabin at Captiva Rocks is significant at the state level under Criterion A for its association with the pre-World War II commercial fishing industry in Charlotte Harbor. The building contributes to the Fish Cabins of Charlotte Harbor Multiple Property Group under Associated Historic Contexts: Commercial Fishing Industry of Charlotte Harbor, c. 1920 - 1941, and Associated Property Type: Fish Cabins of Charlotte Harbor, c. 1920 - 1941. It is an example of the sub-type, Residential Cabins.

HISTORICAL SIGNIFICANCE

The Whidden Fish Cabin at Captiva Rocks is associated with events significant to the history of the Charlotte Harbor commercial fishing industry, one of the largest fishing operations in Florida before World War II. Like the other residential stilt cabins, this building provided a home away from home for fishermen who were on extended fishing expeditions. This allowed the fishermen to stay in the vicinity of the fishing grounds, rather than travel long distances to their homes on the mainland.

The fish camp buildings of Pine Island Sound, where this cabin is located, were constructed in the early 20th century by the Punta Gorda Fish Company. The company, one of the largest and most important in Florida, built a series of stilt houses throughout Charlotte Harbor and Pine Island Sound. The buildings were used as residences for fishermen, ice houses, and served assorted functions related to the fishing industry such as the mooring of skiffs, drying and cleaning of nets and the storage of fishing equipment.

The Whidden Fish Cabin represents a specialized form of architecture designed to meet the specific needs of the fishing industry. Built on pilings above the water, it is made of simple, available materials that could be transported to the site for construction. The cabin can be lifted off its pilings and moved to more abundant fishing grounds, if necessary. While strictly vernacular in form, it is constructed of the most durable materials available, that of heart pine and cypress, in order to withstand climatic extremes.

9. Major Bibliographical References

See cover nomination.

Previous documentation on file (NPS):

- preliminary determination of individual listing (36 CFR 67) has been requested
- previously listed in the National Register
- previously determined eligible by the National Register
- designated a National Historic Landmark
- recorded by Historic American Buildings Survey # _____
- recorded by Historic American Engineering Record # _____

See continuation sheet

Primary location of additional data:

- State historic preservation office
- Other State agency
- Federal agency
- Local government
- University
- Other

Specify repository:

Bureau of Historic Preservation

10. Geographical Data

Acreage of property Less than 1 acre.

USGS Quad: Bokeelia (Marked as cabin "E".)

UTM References

A 1, 7 | 3, 8, 15, 5, 0 | 2, 9, 45, 45, 0
 Zone Easting Northing

C | |

B | |
 Zone Easting Northing

D | |

See continuation sheet

Verbal Boundary Description

Boundary only includes the platform supporting and surrounding the building. The pilings supporting the structure (platforms inclusive) are not included.

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Boundary Justification

Boundary lines are drawn to include only those portions of the site designed as a part of the mobile building, which is like a vessel. Pilings are a consistent renewable resource and do not merit inclusion in the boundary.

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11. Form Prepared By

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PHOTOGRAPHS

1. Whidden Fish Cabin at Captiva Rocks
2. Pine Island Sound, Charlotte Harbor, Lee County, Florida
3. Gladys Cook
4. November 1989
5. Lee County Planning Division, P.O. Box 398, Ft. Myers, FL
6. Northeast elevation, camera facing southwest
7. 1 of 3

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6. Northeast elevation, camera facing southwest
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Items 1-5 are the same for photographs 2-3.

6. Southeast elevation, camera facing northwest
7. 3 of 3

Fish Cabins of Charlotte Harbor Multiple Property Group UTM Coordinates

USGS Quad Map	Site Name	Zone	Easting	Northing
Bokeelia	Norton Fish Cabin	a. 17	381320	2945810
Bokeelia	Larsen Fish Cabin	b. 17	381410	2945780
Bokeelia	Hendrickson Fish Cabin	c. 17	381390	2945660
Bokeelia	Leneer Fish Cabin	d. 17	381520	2945530
Bokeelia	Whidden Fish Cabin	e. 17	381550	2945450
Bokeelia	Ice House at Captiva Rocks	f. 17	382000	2945430
Bokeelia	Ice House at Point Blanco	g. 17	378070	2950860
Pine Island Center	Fish Cabin at White Rock Shoals	a. 17	388230	2936350
Punta Gorda SW	Willis Fish Cabin	a. 17	379890	2961860
Punta Gorda SW	West Coast Fish Company Res. Cabin	b. 17	380300	2962000
Punta Gorda SW	Icing Station at Bull Bay	c. 17	380200	2961620