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SUPPLEMENTARY LISTING RECORD

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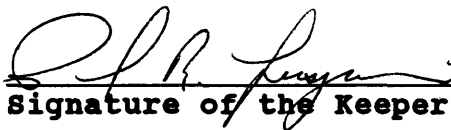
Dofflemyer Point Light
Property Name

Thurston
County

WA
State

Maritime-Related Resources of Budd Inlet 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

5/1/95
Date of Action

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Amended Items in Nomination:

Location:

The correct county code for Thurston County is 67.

Classification:

The resource should be classified as one contributing structure and not as a site. [Typographical error]

This information has been confirmed with Lauren McCroskey of the Washington SHPO.

DISTRIBUTION:

National Register property file
Nominating Authority (without nomination attachment)

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National Register of Historic Places
Registration Form

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This form is for use in nominating or requesting determination of INTERAGENCY RESOURCES DIVISION National Park Service. See instructions in How to Complete the National Register of Historic Places Registration Form (National Register Bulletin 16A). Complete each item by marking "x" in the appropriate box or by entering the information requested. If an item does not apply to the property being nominated, enter "N/A" for "not applicable." For functions, architectural classification, materials, and areas of significance, enter only categories and subcategories from the instructions. Place additional entries and narrative items on continuation sheets (NPS Form 10-900a). Use a typewriter, word processor, or computer, to complete all items.

1. Name of Property

historic name Doffleyer Point Light

other names/site number N/A

2. Location

street & number 211 NE 73rd not for publication

city or town Olympia vicinity

state Washington code WA county Thurston code 34 zip code 98506

3. State/Federal Agency Certification

As the designated authority under the National Historic Preservation Act, 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. I recommend that this property be considered significant nationally statewide locally. (See continuation sheet for additional comments.)

Mary Hampson 8/11/93
Signature of certifying official/Title Date

Washington State Office of Archaeology and Historic Preservation
State or Federal agency and bureau

In my opinion, the property meets does not meet the National Register criteria. (See continuation sheet for additional comments.)

Donald R. Sullivan 10/8/93
Signature of certifying official/Title Date

Director, Ofc. of Transportation Regulatory Affairs, U.S. Dept of Transportation/OST
State or Federal agency and bureau

4. National Park Service Certification

I hereby certify that the 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:)

Signature of the Keeper S. R. Jager Date of Action 5/1/95

ENCLOSURE(2)

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5. Classification

Ownership of Property	Category of Property	No. of Resources within Property	
		contributing	noncontributing
<input type="checkbox"/> private	<input type="checkbox"/> building(s)		<input type="checkbox"/> buildings
<input type="checkbox"/> public-local	<input type="checkbox"/> district		<input type="checkbox"/> sites
<input type="checkbox"/> public-State	<input type="checkbox"/> site	<u>1</u>	<input type="checkbox"/> structures
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> public-Federal	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> structure		<input type="checkbox"/> objects
	<input type="checkbox"/> object	<u>1</u>	<input type="checkbox"/> Total

Name of related multiple property listing:
(Enter "N/A" if property is not part of a multiple property listing.)

No. of contributing resources previously listed in the National Register:

Maritime Related Resouces of Budd Inlet, Thurston County, Washington Prehistory to 1943

0

6. Functions or Use

Historic Functions
(Enter categories from instructions.)

Current Functions
(Enter categories from instructions.)

Transportation: Water-related

Transportation: Water-related

7. Description

Architectural Classification
(Enter categories from instructions.)

Materials
(Enter categories from instructions.)

Early 20th century

foundation concrete
walls concrete

roof unknown
other _____

Narrative Description (Describe the historic and current condition of the property on one or more continuation sheets.)

See attached.

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8. Statement of Significance

Applicable National Register Criteria (Mark "x" in one or more boxes for the criteria qualifying the property for National Register listing.)

- A Property is associated with events that have made a significant contribution to the broad patterns of our history.
- B Property is associated with the lives of persons significant in our past.
- C Property embodies the distinctive characteristics of a type, period, or method of construction or represents the work of a master, or possesses high artistic values, or represents a significant and distinguishable entity whose components lack individual distinction.
- D Property has yielded, or is likely to yield, information important in prehistory or history.

Criteria Considerations (Mark "x" in all the boxes that apply.)

- A owned by a religious institution or used for religious purposes.
- B removed from its original location.
- C a birthplace or a grave.
- D a cemetery.
- E a reconstructed building, object, or structure.
- F a commemorative property.
- G less than 50 years of age or achieved significance within the past 50 years.

Areas of Significance
(Enter categories from instructions.)

Maritime History

Period of Significance

1934-1945

Significant Dates

1934

Cultural Affiliation

N/A

Significant Person

Architect/Builder

"P.H.P."/Rufus Kindle

Narrative Statement of Significance (Explain the significance of the property on one or more continuation sheets.)
See attached.

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9. Major Bibliographical References

(Cite the books, articles, and other sources used in preparing this form on one or more continuation sheets.)

See attached.

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 # _____

Primary location of additional data:

- State Historic Preservation Office
- Other State agency
- Federal agency
- Local government
- University
- Other

Specify repository: _____

10. Geographical Data

Acreage of property .01 acres

UTM References

1	<u>1/0</u>	<u>5/0/7/1/2/5</u>	<u>5/2/2/0/6/0/0</u>	3	<u>/</u>	<u>/ / / / /</u>	<u>/ / / / /</u>
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___ See continuation sheet

Verbal Boundary Description (Describe the boundaries of the property on a continuation sheet) _____

Boundary Justification (Explain why the boundaries were selected on a continuation sheet.)

11. Form Prepared By

name/title Shanna Stevenson
 organization Thurston County Historic Commission
 date March, 1995
 street & number 2404 Heritage Court SW telephone 786-5480
 city or town Olympia state WA zip code 98502

Additional Documentation

Submit the following items with the completed form:

Continuation Sheets

Maps

- A USGS map (7.5 or 15 minute series) indicating the property's location.
- A sketch map for historic districts and properties having large acreage or numerous resources.

Photographs

Representative black and white photographs of the property.

Additional items (Check with the SHPO or FPO for any additional items.)

Property Owner (Complete this item at the request of the SHPO or FPO.)

name Dept of Transportation/U.S. Coast Guard 13th District
 street & number 915 Second Ave telephone 491-3000
 city or town Seattle state WA zip code 98174-1017

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Dofflemyer Point Light
Budd Inlet, Thurston County, WA

Description

The Dofflemyer Point Light is located about nine miles north of Olympia, Washington and its port at the end of a sandy point at east entrance to Budd Inlet, the southernmost inlet of Puget Sound. The light is located in an area known as Boston Harbor. The Coast Guard has an easement to the site over private property. The area adjoining the light is now used for private housing. Originally, the site was adjacent to a commercial cannery operation.

The light, which is classified as a major aid to navigation, is a 30 foot high white concrete eight-sided pyramidal structure set on a octagonal base, approximately 12 feet in diameter. The current light is atop a stanchion on the structure which was built in 1933-34. Previously the site was only lit by a lamp on a pole. The present structure has a small gabled extension on the east side. A double hung window is on the north side on the lower section and a small rectangular opening is on the upper section. An exterior metal stairway ladder is on the southwest side. A paneled door opening is on the southeasterly side. The light currently has a 2.03 amp clear lens light with 716 candela of power. It currently has a 6 second light with a focal plane 30 feet high. The light reaches a nine mile range. The automatic fog horn is a rectangular metal box with a projecting hood. It is mounted adjacent to the light stanchion. The light and horn atop the structure are surrounded by a 2 foot 8 inch high open metal railing. A door at the base of the structure gives access to the light through an interior stairway.

Originally the tower had four foot high metal shelter house with a hipped copper roof with plate glass windows on four sides with a lower section of fixed copper louvers. A 300 mm lens was inside the shelter house. The light which was a 100 watt clear p25,c5 mazda had 1600 candlepower.

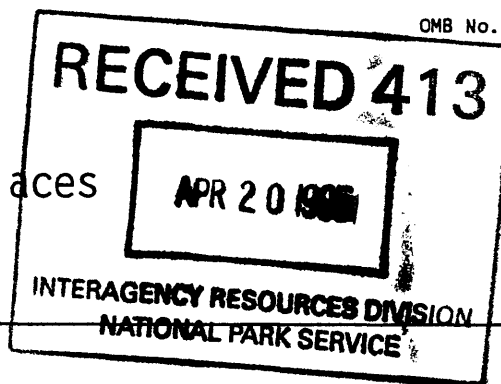
The facility originally had a manually-operated cunningham fog horn which was automated in 1976.

In 1962 the lighting apparatus was increased to 2500 candlepower. In 1972 the glass lamp was replaced with a plastic lens and changed to d.c. power. This is probably when the shelter house was removed. The lamp is currently on a stanchion pole on the top of the structure.

The loss of the metal shelter top section of the facility is the major change to the integrity of the structure. With the increased candlepower and change to a plastic lens, the shelter was no longer deemed necessary. The structure retains its integrity of location feeling and association. Although the setting is somewhat altered, it originally was adjacent to commercial development which has now changed to residential development.

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Statement of Significance

The Dofflemyer Point Light is significant as the only lighthouse-type major aid to navigation below the Narrows on Puget Sound and for its associations with the maritime and transportation history of Budd Inlet and this part of Puget Sound. The light is significant under Criterion A because it is associated with events that have made a significant contribution to the broad patterns of our history. The light is the major navigational aid on lower Puget Sound and illustrates the importance of the marine entrance to Budd Inlet, the location of the state capital at Olympia and the changing needs of the commercial shipping from the Port of Olympia. The light guides shipping traffic through a relatively narrow entrance to Budd Inlet and distinguishes the entrance from the entrances to several other inlets which form the southern extremities of Puget Sound and are separated from Budd Inlet by only small points of land.

Olympia on Budd Inlet was an early and important port. It was established as the first Custom House on Puget Sound in 1851 and was an active destination in early shipping of lumber and steamboat traffic as early as 1853. The City of Olympia built a mile long dock to deep water in 1887. This is the reported date of the first pole light at Dofflemyer Point. In the early 1890's, dredging of the boat basin at Olympia commenced. Further large scale dredging was undertaken in 1909-1911 and ship building was done at Olympia during World War I. The Port of Olympia was created in 1922. Wharf facilities were built throughout the 1920's. A primary cargo was finished lumber. From 1928 to 1930 in fact 198 million board of lumber were shipped out of Budd Inlet. In the early 1930's the loading berths were deepened and the turning basin widened to accommodate more ships at the Port. Other freight included canned fruit from an Olympia cannery as well as shellfish from local processing plants. This increased traffic probably spurred the construction of a larger and more visible aid to navigation at the entrance to Inlet at Dofflemyer Point.

Continued high volume shipping activity extended through the 1960's and 1970's when the primary cargo from the Port of Olympia turned to unprocessed logs bound for the Orient. This trend continues

Concurrently, the volume pleasure craft increased after the turn of the century with the establishment of the Olympia Yacht Club and the popularity of boating.

Boston Harbor also has had a small marina since the mid 1930's and is now a popular residential and recreational boating locale.

The site known as Dofflemyer Point was pre-historically known as "house-pits" for the location of dwellings there by Puget Sound Salish Indians. In 1841, the U.S. Exploring Expedition named the point Brown's Point, for James B. Brown, a carpenter's mate on the expedition.

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Isaac and Susan Allen Dofflemyer [Dofflemyre] came by ox team from Bonaport, Iowa to Portland Oregon in 1850. They located in Thurston County in 1851 or 1852. They located at the point and took out a 320 Donation Land Claim in the area. Dofflemyre was a carriage and cabinet maker by trade.

In 1904 P. P. Carroll announced plans for a seaport at Dofflemyer Point called "Harriman City" with the bay called "Port Olympic". He was followed in 1907 by another promoter, C.D. Hillman, who had promoted boom towns throughout the northwest. He sponsored excursions from Seattle, Tacoma and Olympia on Steamers and sold lots in his large plat of Boston Harbor. Hillman did build a hotel and planked sidewalks but little else. Hillman eventually was convicted of federal mail fraud for his many ventures.

In 1928 "Olympia Homes" a housing development was envisioned at Boston Harbor by Norpia Stock Company, a group of Olympia investors but it too came to naught. Still later in 1935, Governor Clarence Martin proposed a federal rural rehabilitation project for Boston Harbor to create an industrial community. That too failed.

Residents in Boston Harbor lived primarily on subsistence lots. At the point itself, the Robinson family had a shrimp house for processing the shrimp caught between Boston Harbor and Hartstene Island.

The light for aid to navigation was established in 1887 according to Light List records. The station was a light suspended on a pole on a wharf at the point. The pole had a small wooden overhang to shelter the light which was raised and lowered by a rope and pulley system. The light was listed as 20 feet above high water with a visibility of six miles and 40 candlepower.

The first recorded keeper of the Dofflemyer Point Light was Leonard Sperring who retired in 1912. There is no record of when Mr. Sperring began his work or who may have preceded him. Edward R. Robinson took over the job in 1912 and retired in 1942. His son, Robert E. Robinson was the keeper until 1961 and they were followed by Nellie Vassell and Madeline Campbell who looked after the light and foghorn until they were fully automated in 1976. A large supply boat The Heather brought supplies for the lighthouse in the early years once a year including coal oil for the lantern, rope, wicks, lanterns and other supplies as needed.

The light was one of the last pole lamps on Puget Sound until it was rebuilt in its current configuration in the 1930s. The current light is a distinctively designed structure and is not duplicated elsewhere in Puget Sound. It was built under the auspices of the Office of Superintendent of Lighthouses, 17th District, Portland, Oregon and designed in 1933 by "P.H.P." according to the plans. Information from local sources indicates that Rufuss Kindle, a local contractor, actually constructed the facility which replaced the pole light in 1934 or 1935. The light is listed in the 1935 Light List. The light was automated when this facility was built but had a manually operated fog horn which was also automated in 1976.

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Verbal Boundary Description:

Beginning at the Northeast Corner of Lot 35 Block 30 of the Boston Harbor Plat; N 30-13W 90.3 feet to point of beginning; N48-51E 25 feet; N 41-09W 25 feet; N48-51W 25 feet; S 41-09 E 25 feet point of beginning lying in 14-19-2W as described in Thurston County Tax Parcel number 9204060000.

Dofflemyer Point Light
Budd Inlet, Thurston County, WA
Boundary Justification:

These are the boundaries of the property which are owned by the U.S. Coast Guard.