

**NATIONAL REGISTER OF HISTORIC PLACES  
INVENTORY - NOMINATION FORM  
FOR FEDERAL PROPERTIES**

(Type all entries - complete applicable sections)

STATE: <b>Oregon</b>
COUNTY: <b>Coos</b>
FOR NPS USE ONLY
ENTRY DATE <b>MAR 22 1974</b>

**1. NAME**

COMMON: <b>Coquille River Light</b>
AND/OR HISTORIC:

**2. LOCATION**

STREET AND NUMBER: <b>Bullard's Beach State Park</b>			
CITY OR TOWN: <b>Bandon</b>		CONGRESSIONAL DISTRICT:	
STATE: <b>Oregon</b>	CODE <b>41</b>	COUNTY: <b>Coos</b>	CODE <b>011</b>

**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 type="checkbox"/> Occupied <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Unoccupied <input type="checkbox"/> Preservation work in progress	Yes: <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Restricted <input type="checkbox"/> Unrestricted <input type="checkbox"/> No

PRESENT USE (Check One or More as Appropriate)

<input type="checkbox"/> Agricultural	<input type="checkbox"/> Government	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Park	<input type="checkbox"/> Transportation	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Comments
<input type="checkbox"/> Commercial	<input type="checkbox"/> Industrial	<input type="checkbox"/> Private Residence	<input type="checkbox"/> Other (Specify) <b>Vacant, rehabilitation and use as an exhibit in place is planned by Corps of Engineers and the Oregon State Parks</b>	
<input type="checkbox"/> Educational	<input type="checkbox"/> Military	<input type="checkbox"/> Religious		
<input type="checkbox"/> Entertainment	<input type="checkbox"/> Museum	<input type="checkbox"/> Scientific		

**4. AGENCY**

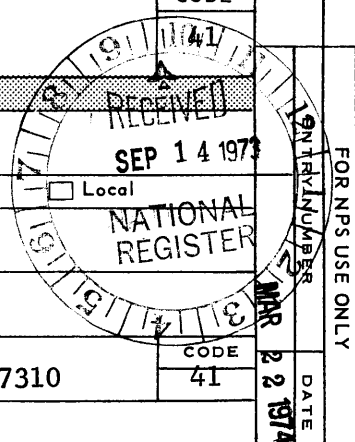
<b>United States Government (Corps of Engineers)- leased to State for Park</b>			
REGIONAL HEADQUARTERS: (If applicable)		STREET AND NUMBER:	
CITY OR TOWN:	STATE:	CODE:	STATE: <b>Oregon</b>

**5. LOCATION OF LEGAL DESCRIPTION**

COURTHOUSE, REGISTRY OF DEEDS, ETC: <b>U.S. Army Corps of Engineers Real Estate Division</b>			
STREET AND NUMBER: <b>2850 S.W. 82nd Avenue</b>			
CITY OR TOWN: <b>Portland</b>	STATE: <b>Oregon</b>	CODE:	COUNTY: <b>Coos</b>

**6. REPRESENTATION IN EXISTING SURVEYS**

TITLE OF SURVEY: <b>State Inventory of Historic Sites and Buildings</b>			
DATE OF SURVEY:	<input type="checkbox"/> Federal	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> State	<input type="checkbox"/> County
DEPOSITORY FOR SURVEY RECORDS: <b>Parks and Recreation Section - State Highway Division</b>			
STREET AND NUMBER: <b>State Highway Building</b>			
CITY OR TOWN: <b>Salem</b>	STATE: <b>Oregon</b>	CODE: <b>97310</b>	DATE: <b>MAR 22 1974</b>



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7. DESCRIPTION

CONDITION	(Check One)					
	<input type="checkbox"/> Excellent	<input type="checkbox"/> Good	<input type="checkbox"/> Fair	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Deteriorated	<input type="checkbox"/> Ruins	<input type="checkbox"/> Unexposed
	(Check One)			(Check One)		
	<input type="checkbox"/> Altered	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Unaltered	<input type="checkbox"/> Moved	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Original Site		

DESCRIBE THE PRESENT AND ORIGINAL (if known) PHYSICAL APPEARANCE

The lighthouse presents a relatively simple exterior due to the lack of detail and small scale of the complex. The only indications of an architectural style are found in the facade and the floor plan. The window and door lintels visually resemble a stilted segmental arch, a main characteristic of the High Victorian Italianate style. The floor plan, although not a regular octagon, reflects the influence of the Octagon Mode. Neither of these features are significant enough to be outstanding examples of the two styles, however, they provide a little insight as to the period of construction, 1896.

The two elements - the tower and the mechanical room - consist of stuccoed brick masonry walls. The iron cupola and circular stairs of the tower provide the focal point of the lighthouse, however, weathering has deteriorated them beyond replacement. Due to the structure's unaltered condition, approximately \$22,000 of restoration work exists. The State of Oregon has expressed a willingness to participate in a joint program with the Federal Government for refurbishment of the complex.

Detached one-tenth mile distant from the light was a double keepers' dwelling and a barn, both of which have since been destroyed.



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**B. SIGNIFICANCE**

PERIOD (Check One or More as Appropriate)

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

SPECIFIC DATE(S) (If Applicable and Known) **1896 - 1939**

AREAS OF SIGNIFICANCE (Check One or More as Appropriate)

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|--|---|--|--|
| <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 checked="" type="checkbox"/> Other (Specify)<br><u>Navigation</u> |
| <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                   | _____  |
| <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Commerce     | <input type="checkbox"/> Military               | <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Transportation | _____  |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Communications          | <input type="checkbox"/> Music                  |  | _____  |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Conservation            |   |  | _____  |

STATEMENT OF SIGNIFICANCE

In 1889 the town of Bandon was founded and duly recorded, partially due to its advantageous siting at the mouth of the Coquille River. However, the old channel exhibited dangerous, rock-filled conditions. As a result, channel improvements and a lighthouse provided a safer situation, and encouraged growth of the water transportation industry. Establishment of a Coast Guard Station in the early 1900's also encouraged navigation. The Coquille River Lighthouse operated and enabled Bandon Beach to grow until 1939 when the lighthouse succumbed to an automated light on the south jetty. In 1963 the lighthouse and 34 acres of surrounding land were leased by the Federal Government to the State of Oregon as a park.

Although the light leaves much to be desired as a significant architectural structure, it did serve as a nucleus for water transportation and commerce in the early history of Bandon and vicinity and is one of the last remaining signs left of the period before the disastrous fire which swept through Bandon in 1936. Of eight extant lighthouses on the Oregon Coast, the Coquille River Light was the last to be constructed.

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**9. MAJOR BIBLIOGRAPHICAL REFERENCES**

"A History of Bandon and The Coquille River" Oregon Historical Quarterly, George Bennett  
 Vol. 28, No. 4 (Dec 1927) pp. 311-357  
 Vol. 29, No. 1 (Mar 1928) pp. 20-50  
 "Coquille River Light," a recapitulation of the history of the lighthouse property, Parks and Recreation Section, Oregon State Highway Division, October 5, 1967. 3-page typescript.  
 Gibbs, James A., Sentinels of the North Pacific (Portland: Binfords and Mort, 1958), 68-69.

**10. GEOGRAPHICAL DATA**

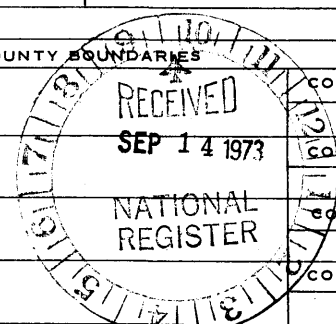
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SE	43°	07'	20"	124°	25'	10"						
SW	43°	07'	20"	124°	25'	30"						

APPROXIMATE ACREAGE OF NOMINATED PROPERTY: **28.40 acres**

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

STATE:	CODE	COUNTY:	CODE

NO  
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**11. FORM PREPARED BY**

NAME AND TITLE: <b>Chuck Mason, Architect</b>		DATE: <b>June 1973</b>
BUSINESS ADDRESS: <b>U.S. Army Corps of Engineers</b>		
STREET AND NUMBER: <b>2850 S.E. 82nd Avenue</b>		PHONE: <b>503-777-4441ext346</b>
CITY OR TOWN: <b>Portland</b>	STATE <b>Oregon</b>	CODE <b>41</b>

**12. CERTIFICATION OF NOMINATION**

State Liaison Officer recommendation:  
 Yes  
 No  
 None

*George M. Baldwin*  
 State Liaison Officer Signature

In compliance with Executive Order 11593, I hereby nominate this property to the National Register, certifying that the State Liaison Officer has been allowed 90 days in which to present the nomination to the State Review Board and to evaluate its significance. The recommended level of significance is  National  State  Local

*Richard G. Leventy* **7 Sep 73**  
 Federal Representative Signature Date  
**Principal Recreation Planner, OCE**  
 Title

**NATIONAL REGISTER VERIFICATION**

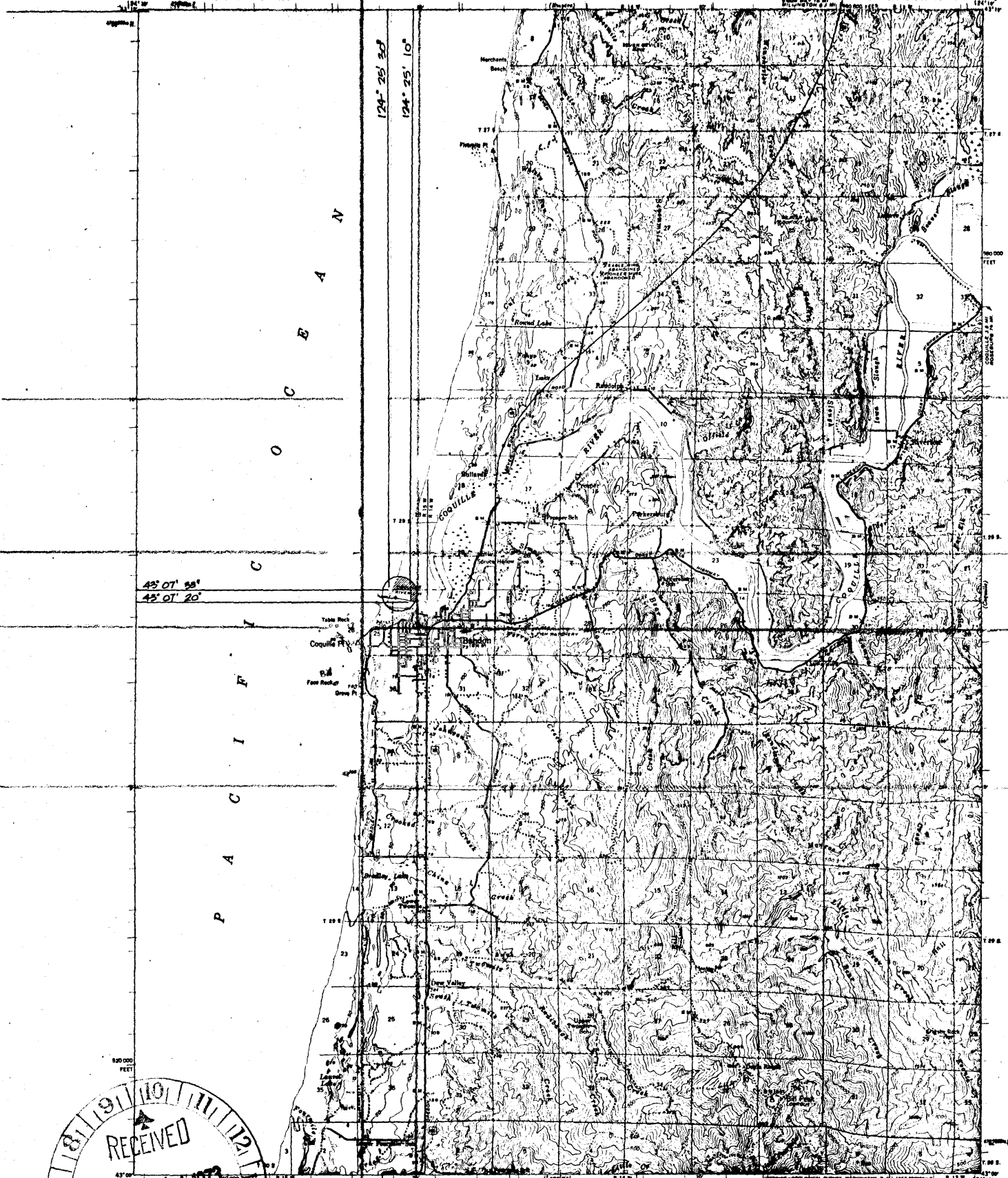
I hereby certify that this property is included in the National Register.

*A. R. ...*  
 Director, Office of Archeology and Historic Preservation

Date **3/20/74**

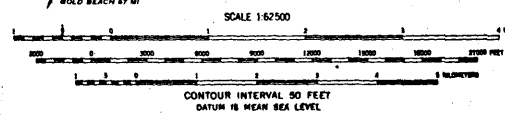
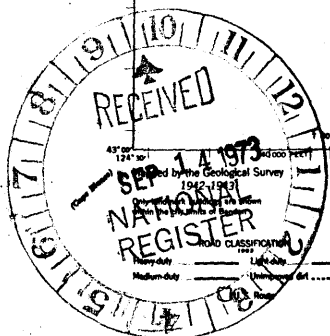
ATTEST:  
*W. ...*  
 Keeper of The National Register

Date **3-21-74**



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Polyconic projection. 1927 North American datum.  
10,000-foot grid based on Oregon (South)  
rectangular coordinate system.  
1000-meter Universal Transverse Mercator grid ticks,  
zone 10, shown in blue.

BANDON, OREG.  
H4300-W12415/16  
1943

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