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

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 TYPE ALL ENTRIES -- COMPLETE APPLICABLE SECTIONS

1 NAME



HISTORIC

Umpqua River Light

AND/OR COMMON

2 LOCATION

STREET & NUMBER

Sw of Winchester Bay

NOT FOR PUBLICATION

CITY, TOWN

Winchester Bay

VICINITY OF

CONGRESSIONAL DISTRICT

4th

STATE

Oregon

CODE

41

COUNTY

Douglas

CODE

019

3 CLASSIFICATION

CATEGORY	OWNERSHIP	STATUS	PRESENT USE
<input type="checkbox"/> DISTRICT	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> PUBLIC	<input type="checkbox"/> OCCUPIED	<input type="checkbox"/> AGRICULTURE
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> BUILDING(S)	<input type="checkbox"/> PRIVATE	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> UNOCCUPIED	<input type="checkbox"/> MUSEUM
<input type="checkbox"/> STRUCTURE	<input type="checkbox"/> BOTH	<input type="checkbox"/> WORK IN PROGRESS	<input type="checkbox"/> COMMERCIAL
<input type="checkbox"/> SITE	PUBLIC ACQUISITION	ACCESSIBLE	<input type="checkbox"/> EDUCATIONAL
<input type="checkbox"/> OBJECT	<input type="checkbox"/> IN PROCESS	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> YES: RESTRICTED	<input type="checkbox"/> ENTERTAINMENT
	<input type="checkbox"/> BEING CONSIDERED	<input type="checkbox"/> YES: UNRESTRICTED	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> GOVERNMENT
		<input type="checkbox"/> NO	<input type="checkbox"/> INDUSTRIAL
			<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> MILITARY
			<input type="checkbox"/> PARK
			<input type="checkbox"/> PRIVATE RESIDENCE
			<input type="checkbox"/> RELIGIOUS
			<input type="checkbox"/> SCIENTIFIC
			<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> TRANSPORTATION
			<input type="checkbox"/> OTHER:

4 AGENCY

REGIONAL HEADQUARTERS: (If applicable)

U.S. Coast Guard

Commander, Thirteenth Coast Guard District (flp)

STREET & NUMBER

915 Second Avenue

CITY, TOWN

Seattle

VICINITY OF

Washington

STATE

98174

5 LOCATION OF LEGAL DESCRIPTION

COURTHOUSE,
 REGISTRY OF DEEDS, ETC.

Douglas County Courthouse

STREET & NUMBER

Douglas County-County Courthouse

CITY, TOWN

Roseburg

STATE

Oregon

6 REPRESENTATION IN EXISTING SURVEYS

TITLE

Statewide Inventory of Historic Sites and Buildings

DATE

1970

FEDERAL STATE COUNTY LOCAL

DEPOSITORY FOR
 SURVEY RECORDS

Parks and Recreation Branch

CITY, TOWN

Salem

Oregon

STATE

7 DESCRIPTION

CONDITION		CHECK ONE	CHECK ONE
<input type="checkbox"/> EXCELLENT	<input type="checkbox"/> DETERIORATED	<input type="checkbox"/> UNALTERED	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> ORIGINAL SITE
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> GOOD	<input type="checkbox"/> RUINS	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> ALTERED	<input type="checkbox"/> MOVED DATE _____
<input type="checkbox"/> FAIR	<input type="checkbox"/> UNEXPOSED		

DESCRIBE THE PRESENT AND ORIGINAL (IF KNOWN) PHYSICAL APPEARANCE

The light structure consists of a brick masonry conical tower, with a rectangular engine room extension connected by a short passage way. The stuccoed tower, 22 feet in diameter at the base, rises 67 feet to a metal framed lantern which has sixteen sides (marked A-P for erection purposes). The lantern is glazed with three tiers of rectangular panes and is capped with a ball finial ventilator.

The base of the tower is distinguished by an elaborate water table formed of cut stone mouldings. The two windows in the stairway of the tower have fully developed stone enframements. The tower work room below the lantern has four windows which alternate with recessed panels in the masonry. There is a moulded stone band below the windows and an elaborate modillioned cornice just below the railing.

The lantern is fitted with a first order lens manufactured by F. BARBIER & CIE in Paris, dated 1890, and is designated BF/91. The lens and carriage are supported on four metal columns connected by open spandrel arches.

The attached engine room, 16.1 ft X 12.1 ft, has a gable roof with masonry parapets. Access is gained through a door on the west side before which is a flight of stone steps. The one inside room has been refinished with resilient flooring, fiber-board ceiling and new door and window trim. This building is now covered with asphalt shingles rather than the original wood. The parapets have been capped in metal and a modern flush door installed.

Color Scheme:

Grey: Base
Grey Green: Lantern, window sash, frames and reveals
White: Masonry walls
Red: Roof

Light Characteristics: Gr. Fl. W., Alt. R. Fl., 15 Seconds

Light List: 1278 and 90
Source of illumination: electricity
Height of focal plane: 165 feet
Range of light: 21 miles white, 20 red
Fog signal: NONE
Radio Beacon: 324 khz 25 ft @ 270 degrees from light
Light Signal: 0.1 sec white flash, 4.9 eclipse
 0.1 sec white flash, 4.9 eclipse
 0.1 sec red flash, 4.9 eclipse
Light Specs: 210,000 candlepower electric
There are no associated structures of significance remaining.

8 SIGNIFICANCE

PERIOD	AREAS OF SIGNIFICANCE -- CHECK AND JUSTIFY BELOW				
<input type="checkbox"/> PREHISTORIC	<input type="checkbox"/> ARCHEOLOGY-PREHISTORIC	<input type="checkbox"/> COMMUNITY PLANNING	<input type="checkbox"/> LANDSCAPE ARCHITECTURE	<input type="checkbox"/> RELIGION	
<input type="checkbox"/> 1400-1499	<input type="checkbox"/> ARCHEOLOGY-HISTORIC	<input type="checkbox"/> CONSERVATION	<input type="checkbox"/> LAW	<input type="checkbox"/> SCIENCE	
<input type="checkbox"/> 1500-1599	<input type="checkbox"/> AGRICULTURE	<input type="checkbox"/> ECONOMICS	<input type="checkbox"/> LITERATURE	<input type="checkbox"/> SCULPTURE	
<input type="checkbox"/> 1600-1699	<input type="checkbox"/> ARCHITECTURE	<input type="checkbox"/> EDUCATION	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> MILITARY	<input type="checkbox"/> SOCIAL/HUMANITARIAN	
<input type="checkbox"/> 1700-1799	<input type="checkbox"/> ART	<input type="checkbox"/> ENGINEERING	<input type="checkbox"/> MUSIC	<input type="checkbox"/> THEATER	
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> 1800-1899	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> COMMERCE	<input type="checkbox"/> EXPLORATION/SETTLEMENT	<input type="checkbox"/> PHILOSOPHY	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> TRANSPORTATION	
<input type="checkbox"/> 1900-	<input type="checkbox"/> COMMUNICATIONS	<input type="checkbox"/> INDUSTRY	<input type="checkbox"/> POLITICS/GOVERNMENT	<input type="checkbox"/> OTHER (SPECIFY)	
		<input type="checkbox"/> INVENTION			

SPECIFIC DATES

1894

BUILDER/ARCHITECT

C. W. LEICK

STATEMENT OF SIGNIFICANCE

Original specs for first order lens (1898), light tower (Jan 1891) keepers dwelling, barn, oil house, etc (Jan 1891) are still on file at CG District 13 Headquarters.

The mouth of the Umpqua River was among the first four sites selected for light-houses in the Oregon Territory. Other designated sites, as stated in a letter dated 01 October 1851 from the Secretary of the Treasury to the Secretary of the Interior, were Cape Disappointment, New Dungeness and Cape Flattery. All three of these sites now fall within the borders of the State of Washington. Construction of the first light-house, which was built near the river's entrance, was commenced in 1856 and the light exhibition in the fall of the following year. In 1863, river freshets undermined the foundations of this structure and it collapsed, a total loss.

It was not until 1888 that Congress appropriated money for a replacement. A site of higher elevation was purchased and construction commenced in 1891. Completion of the facility was delayed by default of one of the contractors and it was not finished and lighted until near the end of 1894.

The tower and workroom bear a striking resemblance to Heceta Head Light, which was built about thirty miles to the north in 1892-93. Another similar light of the north-west coast is North Head Lighthouse (c. 1898) in the State of Washington near the mouth of the Columbia River.

Jim Gibbs, in West Coast Lighthouses, reports a thrilling story of piracy which took place off the Umpqua River Light in 1909. Two men of unsavory character, suspecting the presence of a large gold shipment, plotted to sieze the Alaska Pacific Navagation Co., liner BUCKMAN, run her aground and make off with the treasure. The plans were thwarted, but not before the captain of the ship and the leading thug were dead.

A fog bell on public display in front of the tower bears the following inscription:

U S L H E
J. REGESTER & SONS
BALTIMORE MD.
1889

9 MAJOR BIBLIOGRAPHICAL REFERENCES

Coast Guard Property Records
 J. A. GIBBS Jr. Sentinels of the North Pacific (Portland: Binford & Mort, 1955)
 JIM GIBBS West Coast Lighthouses (Seattle: Superior Publishing Co., 1974)
 F. ROSS HOLLAND Jr. America's Lighthouses (Brattleboro, Vt: Stephen Greene, 1972)

10 GEOGRAPHICAL DATA

ACREAGE OF NOMINATED PROPERTY less than one acre LBF 6/27/77

UTM REFERENCES

A	1,0	4,0,3,5,0,0	4,8,3,4,8,50	B			
	ZONE	EASTING	NORTHING		ZONE	EASTING	NORTHING
C				D			

VERBAL BOUNDARY DESCRIPTION

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

STATE	CODE	COUNTY	CODE

11 FORM PREPARED BY

NAME / TITLE

R.J. WILLIAMSON, Lt. USCG Chief, Logistics & Property Branch

ORGANIZATION

DATE

Thirteenth Coast Guard District, 915-2nd Ave., FTS: 399-5620 or 5723

STREET & NUMBER

TELEPHONE

Seattle

Washington

98174

CITY OR TOWN

STATE

12 CERTIFICATION OF NOMINATION

STATE HISTORIC PRESERVATION OFFICER RECOMMENDATION

YES

NO

NONE

[Signature]
 STATE HISTORIC PRESERVATION OFFICER SIGNATURE

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

FEDERAL REPRESENTATIVE SIGNATURE

[Signature]

TITLE

Environmental Affairs Specialist

DATE

3/29/77

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I HEREBY CERTIFY THAT THIS PROPERTY IS INCLUDED IN THE NATIONAL REGISTER

[Signature]

DATE

10/21/77

ATTEST:

Robert B. Ketting
 DIRECTOR, OFFICE OF ARCHITECTURE AND HISTORIC PRESERVATION

KEEPER OF THE NATIONAL REGISTER

DATE

10/12/77

KEEPER OF THE NATIONAL REGISTER