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SUPPLEMENTARY LISTING RECORD

NRIS Reference Number: 91000399

Date Listed: 04/11/91

Icing Station at Bull Bay
Property Name

Charlotte
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.

Amy Federman
Signature of the Keeper

04/11/91
Date of Action

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Amended Items in Nomination:

Because this property was moved during its history, Criteria Consideration B should be checked.

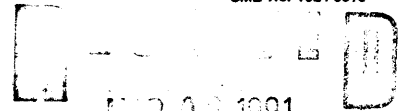
Criterion C should be checked to be consistent with the area of significance, "Architecture."

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

DISTRIBUTION:

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

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National Register of Historic Places 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 Icing Station at Bull Bay

other names/site number

2. Location

street & number N/A N/A not for publication

city, town Bull Key, Bull Bay, Charlotte Harbor vicinity

state Florida code FL county Charlotte code 015 zip code

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

Table with 2 columns: Contributing, Noncontributing. Rows for buildings, sites, structures, objects, 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.

Signature of certifying official: Suzanne P. Walker (deputy) Date: 2/28/91 Florida Dept. of State-Bureau of Historic Preservation

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. determined eligible for the National Register. determined not eligible for the National Register. removed from the National Register. other, (explain:)

Signature of the Keeper: Amy Yederman Date of Action: 4/10/91

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/Log

walls WOOD/Weatherboard

roof ASPHALT

other _____

Describe present and historic physical appearance.

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DESCRIPTION

SUMMARY

The Icing Station at Bull Bay 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, Icing Stations. The one story wood frame vernacular building is set on wood pilings in Bull Bay, on the north side of Charlotte Harbor in Charlotte County, Florida. The building's date of construction is unknown, though it was moved to its present location in the 1930s.

SETTING

The Icing Station at Bull Bay is located in Bull Bay, on the north side of Charlotte Harbor in Charlotte County, Florida. The surrounding area consists of shallow estuarine bays lined with pristine mangrove forests. Charlotte Harbor is an extensive system of these undeveloped waterways. Bull Bay, on the north side of Charlotte Harbor, is part of the Islands Bay National Wildlife Refuge. This refuge was created by executive order in 1908 by President Teddy Roosevelt and originally included only the uplands surrounding the waters of Bull Bay and Turtle Bay. President Roosevelt frequented Charlotte Harbor to fish for Devil Fish and Tarpon. Bull Bay and nearby Turtle Bay historically were important oystering as well as fishing grounds.

DESCRIPTIVE STATEMENT

The Icing Station at Bull Bay is a one story, frame vernacular building set on wood pilings in Bull Bay, on the north side of Charlotte Harbor in Charlotte County, Florida. (Photo 1) The gable roof, originally metal, is covered with rolled asphalt sheet. (Photo 4) A secondary gable extends over an open loading deck. (Photo 3) Siding is cypress board and batten of double thickness to provide insulation in the fish bins. Windows are unscreened openings with wood shutters that may be propped open. (Photo 2) The actual construction date of the building is not known. However, it was moved in the 1930s to its present location near a deep channel which allowed the larger run boats access to Bull Bay.

The building is in fair condition and remains relatively unaltered. Replacements of rotted wood have been with in-kind wood. The open deck at the northwest elevation served as a

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loading area for the hoisting of 300 pound cakes of ice onto the house. Fish catches were also loaded onto the station using "daisy buckets". The fish were iced and stored until the return of the run boat, which carried the catch to market in Punta Gorda.

The building was moved to the present location sometime in the 1930s. It was the practice during the historical period to relocate the fish cabins according to the abundance of fish in the various fishing grounds. Moving was accomplished by placing a barge under each end of the building during low tide. As the tide rose, the building would lift onto the barges. A third barge would pull the pilings out and the complex would be towed to another location, often travelling many miles. A building could be moved twenty miles in twelve hours. Resetting the building would involve reversing the process and replacing the pilings which were brought along from the last site.

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

ARCHITECTURE

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.

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SIGNIFICANCE

SUMMARY

The Icing Station at Bull Bay 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, Icing Stations.

HISTORICAL SIGNIFICANCE

The Icing Station at Bull Bay is significant for its association with the commercial fishing industry of Charlotte Harbor before World War II. The Charlotte Harbor fishing industry was one of the largest fishing operations in Florida during the first half of the 20th century. The early economy of southwest Florida was shaped in part by the abundance of fish, and many towns in the area that are important population centers today originated as fishing villages.

The Icing Station at Bull Bay originally functioned as a storage facility in a waterborne environment. Fish catches were stored on crushed ice in a room with double thick cypress walls. Run boats operated by the local fish companies regularly brought ice and supplies to the icing stations and transported fish back to the mainland fish houses. Iced fish were loaded onto the run boat through a chute that went into the hold of the run boat, or were lifted using "daisy buckets".

The Icing Station at Bull Bay is typical of the simple frame vernacular buildings constructed in Charlotte Harbor to store freshly caught fish before shipment to the mainland. It is one of only a few ice houses left standing in Charlotte Harbor from the pre-World War II fishing industry.

9. Major Bibliographical References

Please 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 # _____

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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.

UTM References USGS Quad: Punta Gorda SW (Marked as "C".)

A

1	7	3	8	0	2	0	0	2	9	6	1	6	2	0
Zone		Easting				Northing								

B

Zone		Easting				Northing								

C

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D

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Verbal Boundary Description

Boundary includes only the platform supporting and surrounding the ice house. The pilings supporting the structure (platform 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 ice house, which is treated 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. Icing Station at Bull Bay
2. Bull Bay, Charlotte Harbor, Charlotte County, Florida
3. Gladys Cook
4. September 1989
5. Lee County Planning Division, P. O. Box 398, Ft. Myers, FL
6. East elevation, camera facing west
7. 1 of 4

Items 1-5 are the same for photographs 1-4.

6. South elevation, camera facing north
7. 2 of 4

6. North elevation, camera facing south
7. 3 of 4

6. North elevation, camera facing south
7. 4 of 4

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