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1 NAME		
HISTORIC	Willapa Bay Boathouse	
AND/OR COM	U. S. Coast Guard Station, Willapa Bay	

# LOCATION

STREET & NUMBER

U. S. Coast Guard	Station, Willapa Bay	NOT FOR PUBLICATION
city, town Tokeland		CONGRESSIONAL DISTRICT
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STATE Washington	CODE 53	COUNTY CODE Pacific County 49

### CLASSIFICATION

CATEGORY	OWNERSHIP	STATUS	PRESI	ENT USE
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## AGENCY REGIONAL HEADQUARTERS: (If applicable)

Commander (dpl) STREET & NUMBER 13th Coast Guard District 915 Second Ave. CITY, TOWN Seattle, WA 98174-1067

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## LOCATION OF LEGAL DESCRIPTION

COURTHOUSE, REGISTRY OF DEEDS, ETC.	Commander (flp)	Courthouse
STREET & NUMBER	13th Coast Guard District 915 Second Ave.	Pacific County, or South Bend. WA
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\_\_EXCELLENT

X\_DETERIORATED

\_UNALTERED

Xoriginal site

\_\_GOOD \_\_FAIR \_\_RUINS
\_\_UNEXPOSED

\_\_MOVED DATE\_\_\_\_\_ Constructed 1929

#### DESCRIBE THE PRESENT AND ORIGINAL (IF KNOWN) PHYSICAL APPEARANCE

A 1½ Story, wood-frame, two-bay boathouse; wood pile foundation; gable roof with wood shingles and two dormers; wood drop-lap siding; fourteen double-hung wood windows; one double-wide wood door; two wood 11' 0" x 12' 0" overhead garage doors; exterior concrete block chimney, no interior partitions. The building and launchway were constructed in 1929.

Building is rectangular in shape 52' 0" x 32' 5"; style is plain, i.e., no ornate trim or unusual features.

Personnel access is via a 10' 0" wide wood plank walkway supported by wood piles. Length of walkway is approximately 175'.

Boat access is via wood-pile support marine railway (two sets of tracks); length is approximately 250'; only the wood piles remain for the walkway which adjoined the railway.

Building interior and a second story loft was altered during the late 1960's for use as a Coast Guard recreational facility.

The boathouse and marine railway have not been used for their original purpose since the early 1970's, when the motor lifeboats were moored at the nearby marina. Both the building and railway structure have deteriorated greatly and have not been maintained since the station was closed in 1979. This property is several hundred feet away from the lifeboat station, which was also closed in 1979.

## 8 SIGNIFICANCE

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PREHISTORIC	ARCHEOLOGY-PREHISTORIC	COMMUNITY PLANNING	_LANDSCAPE ARCHITECTURE	RELIGION
1400-1499	ARCHEOLOGY-HISTORIC	CONSERVATION	LAW	SCIENCE
1500-1599	AGRICULTURE	ECONOMICS	LITERATURE	SCULPTURE
1600-1699	ARCHITECTURE	EDUCATION	MILITARY	SOCIAL/HUMANITARIAN
1700-1799	ART	ENGINEERING	MUSIC	THEATER
1800-1899	COMMERCE	EXPLORATION/SETTLEMENT	PHILOSOPHY	X_TRANSPORTATION
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SPECIFIC DATES Constructed in 1929

BUILDER/ARCHITECT

U.S. Coast Guard 1929

#### STATEMENT OF SIGNIFICANCE

Executive Order of September 11, 1854, established the Willapa Bay Lighthouse Reservation at North Cove, where the Willapa Bay Life Boat Station was constructed in 1885 through 1890. By the 1920's, channel realignment and extensive shoaling caused the boat launchway rails to be continually covered with drifting sand to depths of 3-4 feet. In 1929 a new boathouse and launchway were constructed 4½ miles away at Toke Point, closer to the mouth of Willapa Bay and its hazardous off-shore bar. The remainder of the station was moved to Tokeland during the mid-1950's and the original lifeboat station was disposed of in 1956.

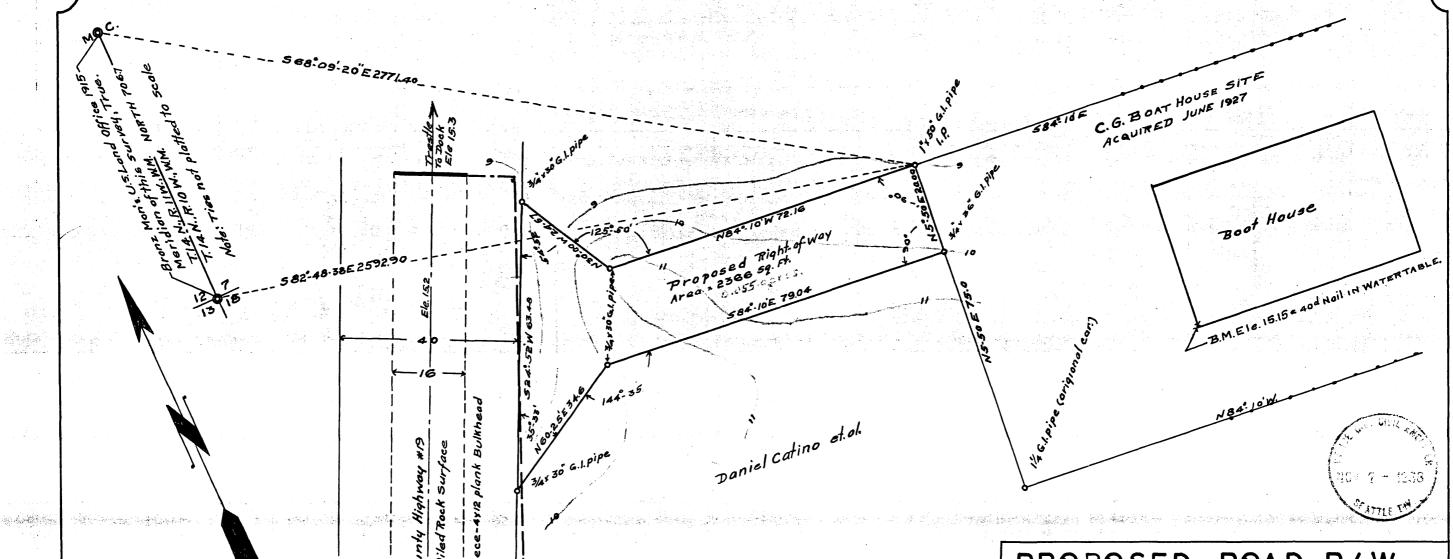
By 1938 boat equipment consisted of one motor lifeboat, one 38' picket boat, one motor surfboat, one pulling surfboat and one dory. At least one additional motor lifeboat was assigned shortly thereafter. The Station's primary lifesaving effort concentrated in the area around the mouth of Willapa Bay where commercial and sport fishing boats were frequently caught in heavy surf. By the early 1970's the Coast Guard rescue vessels were moored at the nearby County marina; the boathouse and launchway were only used for an occassional haulout for maintenance and repairs. The boathouse was eventually converted into a Coast Guard recreation facility just prior to Station closure in 1979.

The Willapa Bay Boathouse is significant for its association with organized efforts to reduce loss of life from shipwrecks along the Pacific Coast. At one time, 19 stations protected particularly dangerous water areas from Nome to San Francisco, and were manned by the US Life Saving Service and later the US Coast Guard. Three of these stations were located near the entrance to the Columbia River in Washington state: Willapa Bay, Klipsan Beach, and Cape Disappointment. The Klipsan Beach Station was listed in the National Register in 1979 and the Cape Disappointment station - still active as a major Coast Guard motor lifeboat school as well - was included in the boundaries of the Cape Disappointment Historic District in 1975. This nomination is for the surviving structure associated with the Willapa Bay Station.

# 9 MAJOR BIBLIOGRAPHICAL REFERENCES

Gibbs, Jim; West Coast Lighthouses, Superior Publishing Company, 1974

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### DESCRIPTION

A part of Lot 1, Sec. 18, T. 14 N. R. 10 W. W.M. described as follows; beginning at the Northwest Corner, of the U.S. Coast Guard Boat House Site, which is S82: 48-38" E 2592.90 ft. distant from the corner of Sec's. 7, 12, 13 +18, and S68: 09'-20" E 2771.40 ft. distant from the Meander Corner of Sec's. 7+12, on the South bank of Kindred Slough, T. 14 N. Rqs. 10 & II W. W.M.: thence from Said point of beginning running N84-10 W 72.10 ft; thence N80°00' W 24.57 ft. to the East line of County Highway #19: thence 924.52' W 63.48 ft. along said Highway line; thence N80°25' E 34.60 ft; thence S84.º 10 E 79.04 ft., to the West line of the Boat House Site; thence N5.º 50' E 20.00 ft. to the point of beginning, the Said tract Containing 2360 square feet of land.

### ENGINEER'S CERTIFICATE

I,J.D.Henry, do hereby certify, that I am a Licensed Civil Engineer, that on Oct. 25, 1938, Imade a survey of the lands shown on this map, and that said survey and map are true and Correct.

Dated at Raymond, Washington, this 31st. day of Oct. 1938.

Civil Engineer License No. 426 PROPOSED ROAD R/W.
U.S. COAST GUARD
WILLAPA BAY STATION.
TOKELAND, WASHINGTON.

SCALE 1"= 20'

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