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This form is for use in nominating or requesting determinations for individual properties and districts. 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 any item does not apply to the property being documented, 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.

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1. Name of Property

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historic name Big Shaheen Cabin

other names/site number 49SIT-019

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2. Location

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street & number Admiralty Island National Monument

not for publication N/A

city or town Angoon vicinity X

state Alaska code AK county Skagway-Yakutat-Angoon code 231

zip code 99820

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3. State/Federal Agency Certification

As the designated authority under the National Historic Preservation Act of 1986, as amended, I hereby certify that this [X] 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 [X] meets [ ] does not meet the National Register Criteria. I recommend that this property be considered significant [ ] nationally [X] statewide [ ] locally. ( [ ] See continuation sheet for additional comments.)

[Signature] Signature of certifying official 10-2-95 Date

Forest Service Federal Preservation Officer State or Federal agency and bureau

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

[Signature] Signature of commenting or other official March 3, 1993 Date

Alaska State Historic Preservation Officer State or Federal agency and bureau

4. National Park Service Certification

I, hereby certify that this property is:

- [X] 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] 11-2-95

Signature of Keeper Date of Action

[Signature]

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5. Classification

Ownership of Property (Check as many boxes as apply)

- private
- public-local
- public-State
- public-Federal

Category of Property (Check only one box)

- building(s)
- district
- site
- structure
- object

Number of Resources within Property

Contributing	Noncontributing	
<u>1</u>	<u>1</u>	buildings
<u>    </u>	<u>    </u>	sites
<u>    </u>	<u>3</u>	structures
<u>    </u>	<u>    </u>	objects
<u>1</u>	<u>4</u>	Total

Number of contributing resources previously listed in the National Register 0

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

Civilian Conservation Corps (CCC) Historic Properties in Alaska;  
Admiralty Island Civilian Conservation Corps Canoe Route, 1933-1937

6. Function or Use

Historic Functions (Enter categories from instructions)

Cat: Recreation & Culture Sub: Outdoor Recreation

Current Functions (Enter categories from instructions)

Cat: Recreation & Culture Sub: Outdoor Recreation

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**7. Description**  
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**Architectural Classification (Enter categories from instructions)**

No style

**Materials (Enter categories from instructions)**

foundation log

roof metal

walls log

other N/A

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

The Big Shaheen Cabin is the only cabin that was part of the Admiralty Island Civilian Conservation Corps Canoe Route. It was constructed with horizontal logs about ten inches in diameter, saddle notched at the corners. The gable ends are sided with shakes. The floor is concrete. The roof is metal, but it is underlain by shakes which likely were the original roofing material.

The front roof overhangs about six feet, protecting a wooden-decked porch. Beyond the porch the land slopes gently to a beach about forty feet away, and midway there is a large fire ring of rocks. A shed roof at the back of the cabin protects a wood pile, and a non-contributing outhouse is down a trail behind the cabin. Two screened food pantries hang on the exterior wall by the kitchen, one accessible from inside and one from outside. Windows are wood-framed and consist of four to six small panes of glass.

Inside there is a kitchen/dining area with a wood stove, and two partitioned bunk areas, intended by the CCC to accommodate parties of mixed gender. There is no loft or interior ceiling other than the underside of the roof. The interior partitions are floating, they extend upward about seven feet. A small steel wood stove in the kitchen has a stack that exits the roof vertically. A hole, now patched, in the roof over one of the bunk areas indicates the former location of another stove.

The cabin has been heavily used over the years. Intended to be the central lodge, the cabin is central to the trail system. Over the years it has housed CCC workers, sportsmen, trail crews, and modern recreationists. It appears to have been faithfully maintained since its construction. The lowermost two logs on all four walls are new, replaced probably within the last decade.

Three culturally modified trees stand in the woods within two hundred feet of the cabin. Each is a live tree displaying a large scar that is slowly being covered by healing bark tissue. Such scars could be 50 to 150 or more years old. They are not definitely associated with the Big Shaheen cabin, and are not considered contributing to the cabin for eligibility to the National Register of Historic Places.

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To the west, another cabin, also maintained by the Forest Service, is out of sight and earshot from Big Shaheen cabin. It might be older than the CCC cabin, since a 1935 memo refers to a cabin there and a Special Use Permit to Pacific Alaska Airways "to retain a small area on the point for a personally owned cabin to care for parties which they may take to the Lake." This building was not documented as part of the canoe route.

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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.) N/A

- 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)

Entertainment/Recreation

Period of Significance 1933-1937

Significant Dates 1935

Significant Person (Complete if Criterion B is marked above)

N/A

Cultural Affiliation N/A

Architect/Builder Civilian Conservation Corps

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

The Big Shaheen Cabin is the only log cabin built by Civilian Conservation Corps workers as part of the Admiralty Island Canoe Route. Situated on the east shore of Hasselborg Lake, the cabin was intended to serve as a lodge. Originally, it was the only enclosed building along the canoe route. Built for recreation, it is still used for that purpose and has not been substantially altered since its construction in 1935.

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**9. Major Bibliographical References**

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

See Multiple Property Documentation Form

Previous documentation on file (NPS) N/A

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

Name of repository: Admiralty Island National Monument, Juneau

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10. Geographical Data

Acreage of Property less than 1 acre

UTM References (Place additional UTM references on a continuation sheet)

	Zone	Easting	Northing	Zone	Easting	Northing
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2	—	—	—	4	—	—

Verbal Boundary Description (Describe the boundaries of the property.)

Big Shaheen Cabin is adjacent to a lake shore staging area and a trailhead, all in a small circumscribed area of less than one acre in the SW 1/4 of the NE 1/4 of the NW 1/4 of Section 20, Township 48 South, Range 69 East, Copper River Meridian.

Boundary Justification (Explain why the boundaries were selected.)

The Big Shaheen Cabin has an obvious localized activity area arising from its function as a temporary stopping place on a recreational canoe route. The boundary encompasses the building and associated activity areas.

11. Form Prepared By

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Property Owner

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

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