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SUPPLEMENTARY LISTING RECORD

NRIS Reference Number: 91000400

Date Listed: 04/11/91

Willis Fish Cabin 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 Lederman
Signature of the Keeper

04/11/91
Date of Action

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Amended Items in Nomination:

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

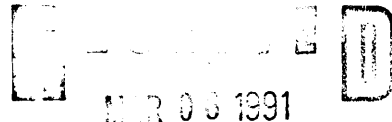
Discussed with Tulie Taylor, FL SHPO, on April 11, 1991.

DISTRIBUTION:

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

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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 Willis Fish Cabin at Bull Bay
other names/site number 8CH379

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street & number N/A N/A not for publication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

3. Classification

Ownership of Property	Category of Property	Number of Resources within Property	
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> private	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> building(s)	Contributing	Noncontributing
<input type="checkbox"/> public-local	<input type="checkbox"/> district	<u>1</u>	<u> </u>
<input type="checkbox"/> public-State	<input type="checkbox"/> site	<u> </u>	<u> </u>
<input type="checkbox"/> public-Federal	<input type="checkbox"/> structure	<u> </u>	<u> </u>
	<input type="checkbox"/> object	<u>1</u>	<u>0</u>
			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.

Suzanne P. Walker (deputy) 2/28/91
Signature of certifying official State Historic Preservation Officer Date
Florida Dept. of State-Bureau of Historic Preservation
State or Federal agency and bureau

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.
 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:)

Amy Tederman 4/11/91

Signature of the Keeper Date of Action

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

roof METAL

other

Describe present and historic physical appearance.

Please see continuation sheet.

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DESCRIPTION

SUMMARY

The Willis Fish Cabin 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, Residential Cabins. Located in Bull Bay on the north side of Charlotte Harbor, it is a one story, wood frame vernacular building set on wood pilings over the water. Built before 1930, the building has a metal gable roof, board and batten siding, and a long wood dock.

DESCRIPTIVE STATEMENT

The Willis Fish Cabin at Bull Bay was built prior to 1930 by Claude Willis, an oysterman from the town of Charlotte Harbor. A one story wood frame vernacular building, it is set on wood pilings over the water in Bull Bay, on the north side of Charlotte Harbor, in Charlotte County, Florida. (Photos 1-3) The building has a metal gable roof and is clad in board and batten siding. A wood deck surrounds the building and a long wood dock extends from the entry deck into deeper water to allow for the docking of boats.

The cabin windows are screened openings with sliding wood shutters that can be opened when the building is occupied. (Photos 2-3) The building is relatively unaltered although rotted wood has been replaced with in-kind materials over the years. The cabin is in its original location.

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)

Period of Significance

Significant Dates

MARITIME HISTORY

c. 1920-1941

N/A

ARCHITECTURE

Cultural Affiliation

N/A

Significant Person

N/A

Architect/Builder

Willis, Claude-builder

State significance of property, and justify criteria, criteria considerations, and areas and periods of significance noted above.

Please see continuation sheet.

See continuation sheet

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SIGNIFICANCE

SUMMARY

The Willis Fish Cabin at Bull Bay, a simple frame vernacular building, is significant 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, Residential Cabins.

HISTORICAL SIGNIFICANCE

The Willis Fish Cabin at Bull Bay was built prior to 1930 by Claude Willis, an oysterman from the town of Charlotte Harbor. It is significant for its association with the Charlotte Harbor commercial fishing industry, one of the largest fishing operations in Florida before World War II. The building provided a home away from home for fishermen who were on extended fishing expeditions. This form of housing allowed the fishermen to stay in the vicinity of the fishing grounds, rather than travel long distances to their homes on the mainland.

This residential fish cabin represents a specialized form of architecture designed to meet the specific needs of the pre-World War II fishing industry in Charlotte Harbor. Built on pilings above the water, it is made of simple, available materials that could be transported to the site for construction. The cabin is capable of being lifted off its pilings to be moved to more abundant fishing grounds, if necessary. While strictly vernacular in form, it is constructed of the most durable materials available, that of heart pine and cypress, in order to withstand climatic extremes.

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 # _____

See continuation sheet

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

Acreege of property Less than 1 acre

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

A	<u>17</u>	<u>37,9189,0</u>	<u>2,9618,60</u>	B			
	Zone	Easting	Northing		Zone	Easting	Northing
C				D			

See continuation sheet

Verbal Boundary Description

Boundary includes only the platform supporting and surrounding the building. 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 building, 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. Willis Fish Cabin 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. South elevation, camera facing north
7. 1 of 3

Items 1-5 are the same for photographs 1-3.

6. East elevation, camera facing west
7. 2 of 3

6. West elevation, camera facing east
7. 3 of 3

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