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NATIONAL PARK SERVICE

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NATIONAL REGISTER OF HISTORIC PLACES  
INVENTORY -- NOMINATION FORM

SEE INSTRUCTIONS IN HOW TO COMPLETE NATIONAL REGISTER FORMS  
TYPE ALL ENTRIES -- COMPLETE APPLICABLE SECTIONS

1 NAME

HISTORIC

Lake Boat "Katahdin"

AND/OR COMMON

LOCATION

STREET & NUMBER

Moosehead Lake

\_\_NOT FOR PUBLICATION

CITY, TOWN

Greenville, \_\_ VICINITY OF

CONGRESSIONAL DISTRICT  
2nd

STATE

Maine

CODE

23

COUNTY

Piscataquis

CODE

021

CLASSIFICATION

CATEGORY

OWNERSHIP

STATUS

PRESENT USE

\_\_DISTRICT

PUBLIC

\_\_OCCUPIED

\_\_AGRICULTURE

\_\_MUSEUM

\_\_BUILDING(S)

\_\_PRIVATE

UNOCCUPIED

\_\_COMMERCIAL

\_\_PARK

\_\_STRUCTURE

\_\_BOTH

\_\_WORK IN PROGRESS

\_\_EDUCATIONAL

\_\_PRIVATE RESIDENCE

SITE

**PUBLIC ACQUISITION**

**ACCESSIBLE**

\_\_ENTERTAINMENT

\_\_RELIGIOUS

\_\_OBJECT

\_\_IN PROCESS

\_\_YES: RESTRICTED

\_\_GOVERNMENT

\_\_SCIENTIFIC

\_\_BEING CONSIDERED

YES: UNRESTRICTED

\_\_INDUSTRIAL

\_\_TRANSPORTATION

\_\_NO

\_\_MILITARY

OTHER: None

OWNER OF PROPERTY

NAME

Moosehead Marine Museum, Inc.

STREET & NUMBER

CITY, TOWN

Greenville, \_\_ VICINITY OF

STATE

Maine

LOCATION OF LEGAL DESCRIPTION

COURTHOUSE,  
REGISTRY OF DEEDS, ETC.

Piscataquis County Courthouse,

STREET & NUMBER

CITY, TOWN

Dover-Foxcroft

STATE

Maine

6 REPRESENTATION IN EXISTING SURVEYS

TITLE

DATE

\_\_FEDERAL \_\_STATE \_\_COUNTY \_\_LOCAL

DEPOSITORY FOR  
SURVEY RECORDS

CITY, TOWN

STATE

# 7 DESCRIPTION

CONDITION		CHECK ONE	CHECK ONE
<input type="checkbox"/> EXCELLENT	<input type="checkbox"/> DETERIORATED	<input type="checkbox"/> UNALTERED	<input 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		Not Applicable

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DESCRIBE THE PRESENT AND ORIGINAL (IF KNOWN) PHYSICAL APPEARANCE

The Katahdin is a typical bluff-bowed lake steamer of the early 20th century. Built in 1914 by the Bath Iron Works for the Coburn Steamship Company she has an over all length of 102 feet, 3½ inches, a beam of 28 feet and a hull depth of 9 feet. Her in ballast draft, typical of lake and river craft, is a mere 3 feet, 9 inches.

As originally constructed she carried two enclosed passenger decks with covered open promenade areas at the stern on the lower deck and from bow to stern along both sides of the upper deck. The pilot house is located at the forward end of the upper deck enclosed space. A single stack protrudes about six feet above the upper deck just aft of the pilot house. On the lower deck directly beneath the pilot house on either side are large entry ports for passengers and vehicles.

Since her conversion to a work boat the promenade area coverings have been removed and her power converted from steam to diesel engine.

# 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 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 type="checkbox"/> 1800-1899	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> COMMERCE	<input type="checkbox"/> EXPLORATION/SETTLEMENT	<input type="checkbox"/> PHILOSOPHY	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> TRANSPORTATION
<input checked="" 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

1914

BUILDER/ARCHITECT

Bath Iron Works

STATEMENT OF SIGNIFICANCE

One of the few remaining lake boats once so common on Maine inland waters, the Katahdin was the last and biggest steam vessel operated by the Coburn Steamboat Company on Moosehead Lake, where such service began in 1836. Built at Bath Iron Works in 1914, she was delivered in sections at Greenville on August 20th where she was assembled for service the following year.

The vessel, affectionately called the "Kate" operated between various points on the lake carrying passengers and freight. She was especially popular among the summer visitors at such famous hotels as the Mount Kineo House who were in the habit of using her for excursions around the lake. Her reputation for comfort and service was widespread.

Owing to changing modes of transportation, particularly the increasing use of the automobile, the Katahdin gradually ceased to be economically feasible. On September 11, 1938, she made her last run as a passenger boat, carrying 300 people on a special farewell excursion to Seboomook and back to Greenville.

The Katahdin was purchased in 1940 by the Hollingsworth and Whitney Paper Co. and converted into a towboat for hauling pulpwood booms on the lake. This company was absorbed by Scott Paper Company who continued this use until 1976 when she was finally laid up at her present berth.

The "Kate" will shortly be acquired by the Moosehead Marine Museum which plans to restore her to her earlier configuration although not run her on the lake.

# 9 MAJOR BIBLIOGRAPHICAL REFERENCES

Moosehead Souvenir Booklet, Article. 26. Portland, 1955

Eskew, Garnet L., Cradle of Ships. New York, 1958

# 10 GEOGRAPHICAL DATA

Not applicable

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UTM REFERENCES

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	ZONE	EASTING	NORTHING
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VERBAL BOUNDARY DESCRIPTION

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

STATE	CODE	COUNTY	CODE
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# 11 FORM PREPARED BY

NAME / TITLE

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ORGANIZATION

Maine Historic Preservation Commission

DATE

January 1978

STREET & NUMBER

242 State Street

TELEPHONE

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CITY OR TOWN

Augusta

STATE

Maine

# 12 STATE HISTORIC PRESERVATION OFFICER CERTIFICATION

THE EVALUATED SIGNIFICANCE OF THIS PROPERTY WITHIN THE STATE IS:

NATIONAL

STATE

LOCAL

As the designated State Historic Preservation Officer for the National Historic Preservation Act of 1966 (Public Law 89-665), I hereby nominate this property for inclusion in the National Register and certify that it has been evaluated according to the criteria and procedures set forth by the National Park Service.

STATE HISTORIC PRESERVATION OFFICER SIGNATURE

*Carle S. Fletchworth*

TITLE S.H.P.O.

DATE 3/3/78

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

*R. B. Rettig*  
DIRECTOR, OFFICE OF ARCHEOLOGY AND HISTORIC PRESERVATION

DATE 9/13/78

ATTEST:

*William DeBouch*

KEEPER OF THE NATIONAL REGISTER

DATE Sept 11, 1978

KEEPER OF THE NATIONAL REGISTER