

35-CLT-21, Clatsop County, Oregon
Native American Archaeological Sites of the Oregon Coast

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National Park Service

National Register of Historic Places
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Oregon SHPO

NATIONAL REGISTER OF HISTORIC PLACES
REGISTRATION FORM

1. Name of Property

historic name _____

other names/site number 35-CLT-21, Ecola Point Site

2. Location

street & number Ecola State Park not for publication
city or town Cannon Beach vicinity
state Oregon code OR county Clatsop code 007 zip code 97110

3. State/Federal Agency Certification

As the designated authority under the National Historic Preservation Act of 1986, 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 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. I recommend that this property be considered significant nationally statewide locally. (See continuation sheet for additional comments.)

James Hamrick

July 20, 1997
Date

Signature of certifying official Deputy SHPO
Oregon State Historic Preservation Office

State or Federal agency and bureau

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

Signature of commenting or other official _____ Date _____

State or Federal agency and bureau

4. 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): _____

Signature of Keeper

Date of Action

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

Number of contributing resources previously listed in the National Register: 0

Name of related multiple property listing: Native American Archaeological Sites of the Oregon Coast

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6. Function or Use
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Historic Functions: Cat: Domestic Sub: Village site

Current Functions: Cat: Recreation and Culture Sub: Outdoor recreation

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7. Description
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Architectural Classification: N/A
Materials: foundation N/A
roof N/A
walls N/A
other N/A

Narrative Description: 35-CLT-21 is a *village* and *shell midden* located on the high bluffs on the south side of Ecola Point in Ecola State Park, Clatsop County, on the northern Oregon Coast. The rugged rocky shorelines and offshore rocks of Ecola Point are found west and northwest of the site, while sandy Crescent Beach extends south of the site. First recorded by Richard Ross (1976) and later revisited by Minor (1986, 1991) and Moss and Erlandson (1995), the site contains two discrete shell midden loci. The main site area, 35-CLT-21B, was estimated by Ross to cover an area about 30 m x 30 m wide and contain several possible housepits. This area was damaged by a landslide in 1983, which destroyed as much as 10% of the midden deposits and exposed a pit oven containing a sea lion skeleton (Gilsen 1983). In 1990, University of Oregon archaeologists excavated 10 auger holes and 10 1 m x 1 m test pits at the site (Minor 1991). These excavations demonstrated that intact archaeological deposits at 35-CLT-21B cover an area of at least 55 m north-south and 45 m east-west, and extend to a depth of 160 cm. Minor (1991) interpreted four depressions on the site surface as housepits, including three roughly rectangular depressions 5-6 m wide and 8-10 m long. The site contains complex stratigraphy, and produced several cultural features, 423 artifacts of stone, bone, shell, and metal, and a diverse assemblage of shellfish, fish, sea mammal, land mammal, and bird remains. Five radiocarbon dates bracket the occupation of 35-CLT-21B between about AD 1040 and AD 1660 (Moss and Erlandson 1995:103), although the presence of numerous metal fragments suggests that the site may have been occupied into the early postcontact era (Minor 1991:74-75).

Much less is known about 35-CLT-21A, a shell midden located about 90 m south of Locus B on a small flat along the Crescent Beach trail. Ross (1976) estimated Locus A to be about 15 m x 3 m wide and 20-30 cm deep. Minor (1986) did not examine Locus B, but Moss and Erlandson (1995) found a thin scatter of shell refuse exposed for 65 m along the trail. More concentrated shell midden deposits covered an area about 12 m x 6 m wide and reached a depth of at least 40 cm in trailside exposures. No systematic testing has been done at 35-CLT-21A, but like most outer coast shell middens, the archaeological deposits are dominated by California mussel (*Mytilus californianus*) shells. Moss and Erlandson dated a single mussel shell from 20-25 cm below the surface to 540 ± 50 RYBP (Beta-77227), equivalent to about AD 1640 after calibration. This suggests that the occupation of 35-CLT-21A may have overlapped with the later occupation of 35-CLT-21B and that the two loci may be related parts of the same village site.

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9. Major Bibliographical References
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Gilsen, Leland (1983) Ecola State Park Midden Collapse. *Current Archaeological Happenings in Oregon* 8(1):7.
Moss, Madonna L. and Jon M. Erlandson (1995) *An Evaluation, Survey, and Dating Program for Archaeological Sites on State Lands of the Northern Oregon Coast*. Department of Anthropology, University of Oregon. Eugene.
Minor, Rick (1986) *An Evaluation of Archaeological Sites on State Park Lands Along the Oregon Coast*. Heritage Research Associates Report No. 44. Eugene.
Minor, Rick (1991) *Archaeological Investigations at the Ecola Point Site, Northern Oregon Coast*. University of Oregon, State Museum of Anthropology. Eugene.
Ross, Richard (1976) *Archaeological Survey of State Park Lands along the Oregon Coast*. Department of Anthropology, Oregon State University. Corvallis.

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 # _____

Primary Location of Additional Data

- State Historic Preservation Office
- Other State agency
- Federal agency
- Local government
- University
- Other

Name of repository: University of Oregon, State Museum of Anthropology

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10. Geographical Data
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Acreage of Property 1.4 acres

USGS Quadrangle: Tillamook Head, Ore. (1973), 1:24,000

UTM References: Zone Easting Northing Description of Point

Boundary Justification: Site boundaries were defined during multiple episodes of surface reconnaissance (Ross 1976; Minor 1986; Moss and Erlandson 1995), examining soils or strata in foot trail, cut bank, seacliff, or other exposures. The boundaries of Locus B were also defined by subsurface excavation (Minor 1991) of auger holes and test pits. Site boundaries are defined on the basis of the horizontal distribution of archaeological materials typical of Oregon Coast sites: marine shell, burned rock, artifacts made from stone or other materials, and/or dark culturally enriched (anthropic) soils. The margins of 35-CLT-21 are also defined to some degree by natural geographic features such as the extent of relatively level and inhabitable ground. The western margins of both loci are well defined by the steep slope leading to the beach below the site, although redeposited midden material is also strewn down the slope below each locus.

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CONTINUATION SHEET

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Photograph 1 of 1

3. Photographer: Madonna L. Moss
4. August 11, 1994
5. University of Oregon State Museum of Anthropology
6. View of main shell midden exposure taken from the top of a slump scar, J. Erlandson seated above exposure; looking west
7. Photograph 1 of 1; Black and White Roll 2, Frame 16A

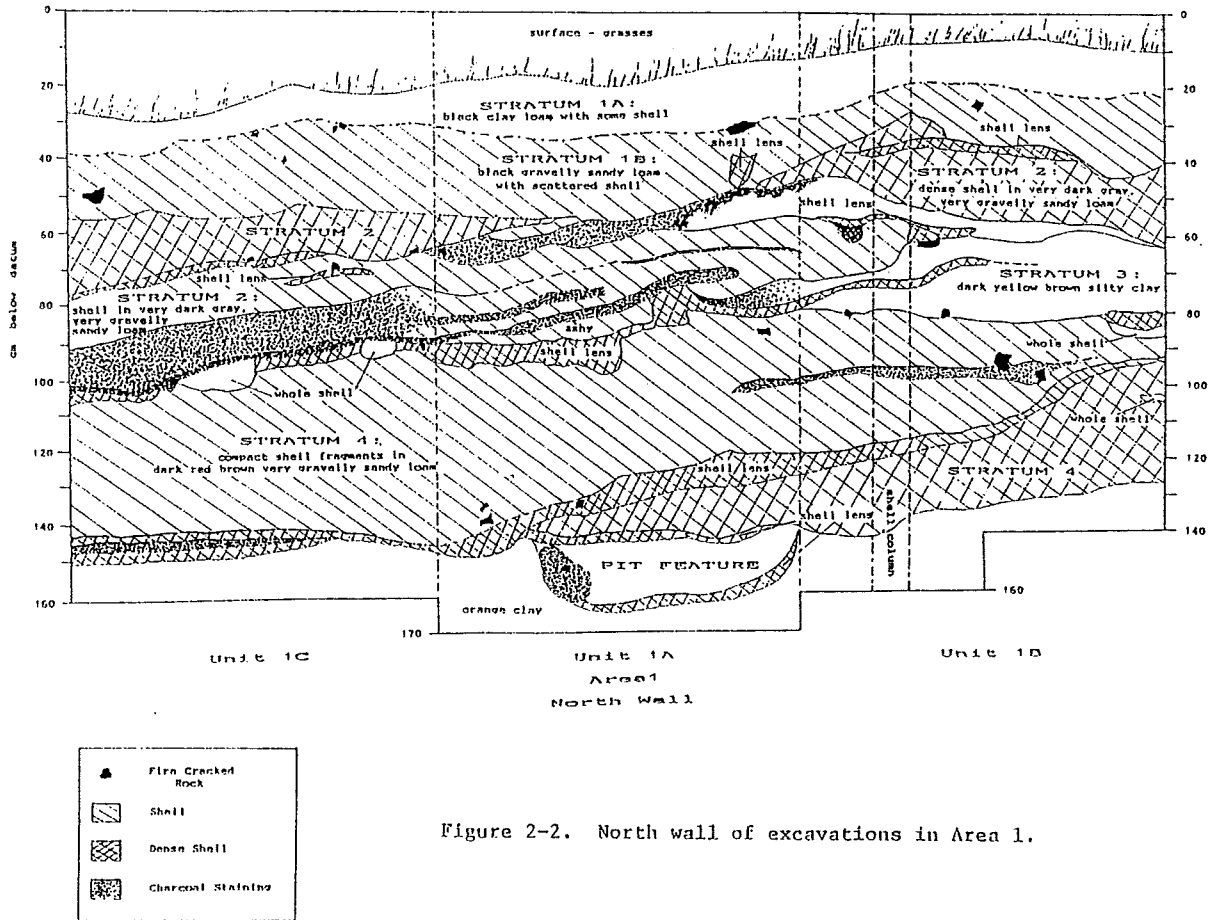


Figure 2-2. North wall of excavations in Area 1.

35-CLT-21, Native American Archaeological Sites of the Oregon Coast
 Stratigraphic Profile Drawing from:
 Minor, Rick (1991) *Archaeological Investigations at the Ecola Point Site, Northern Oregon Coast*.
 Oregon State Museum of Anthropology, University of Oregon, p. 14.

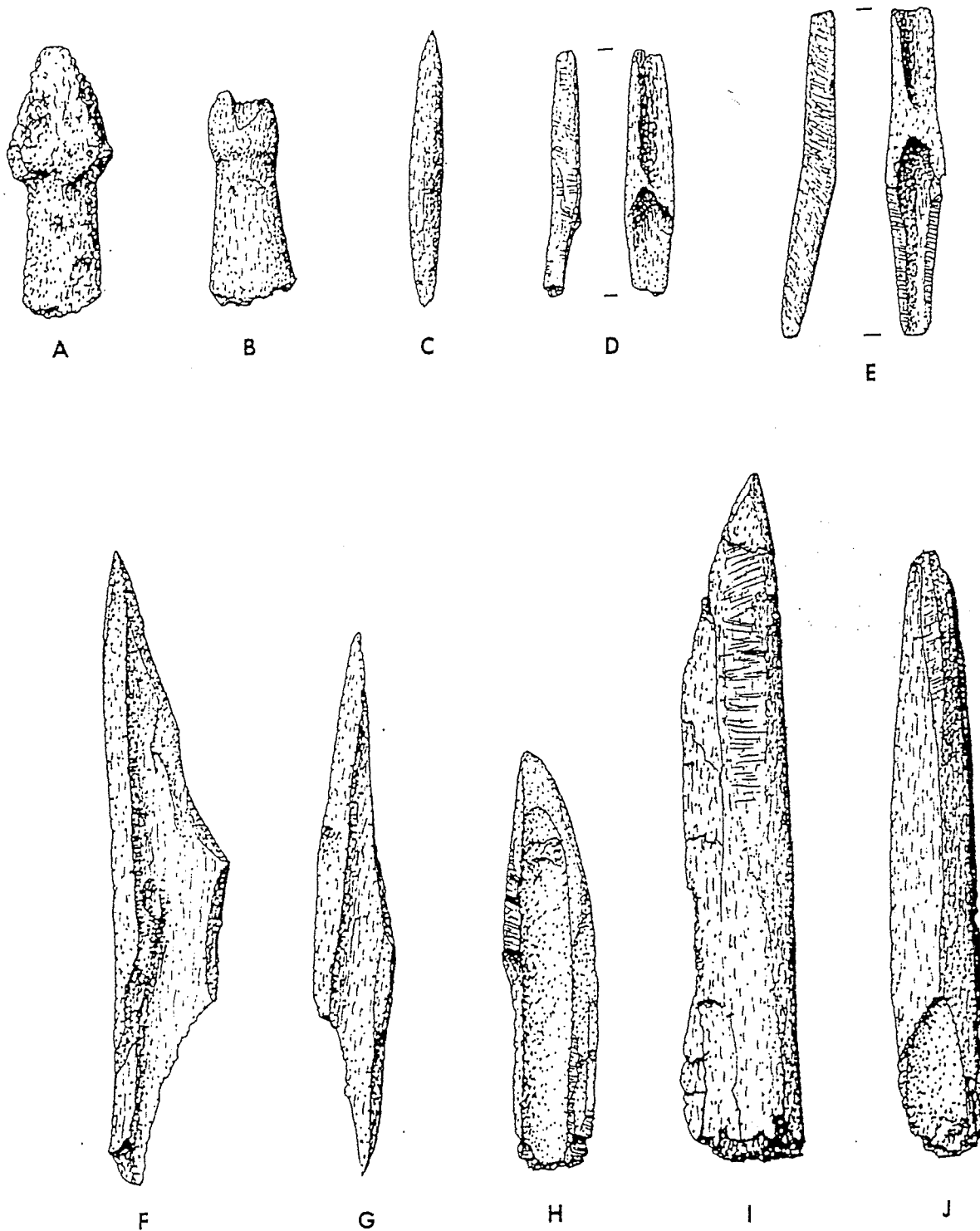


Figure 6-4. Bone/antler artifacts: a-b, harpoon dart head fragments; c, bone point; d-e, composite harpoon valves; f-g, split bone awls; h-j, chisels (shown actual size).

Scoring on Scale of 1 to 5

RATING 45

- 5 - Excellent
- 4 - Very good
- 3 - Good
- 2 - Fair
- 1 - Poor
- 0 - Nonexistent

PRE-HISTORIC ARCHAEOLOGICAL SITE

35 CLT-21
ECOLA POINT SITE

COUNTY CLATSOP

TOWN/VICINITY

ECOLA STATE PARK
CANNON BEACH

EVALUATOR ATHERTON

DATE FEBRUARY 13, 1997

Final Rating

- 50 - 45 Of prime significance
- 44 - 40 Significant
- 39 - 35 Noteworthy
- 34 - 30 Also considered

NATIONAL REGISTER SELECTION RATING SHEET

Checklist on Methodology

1. Does the testing strategy provide adequate information on integrity and content of site?
2. Have site boundaries, horizontal & vertical, been adequately determined?
3. Has site function been determined?
4. Have the temporal boundaries of the site been established?
5. Has context been provided by relating this site to previous archaeology?

Yes

No

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✓

✓

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Factors

Relative Importance

Score

Weighted Rating

1. Integrity of site -
Site is essentially undisturbed, unencroached.

5.0

X

4

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20

2. Interpretive potential -
Site has yielded, or has potential of yielding important information related to an established body of knowledge about history, prehistory and/or prehistoric environments.

5.0

X

5

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25

TOTAL

45

Scoring on Scale of 1 to 5

RATING 47.5

- 5 - Excellent
- 4 - Very good
- 3 - Good
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- 1 - Poor
- 0 - Nonexistent

PRE-HISTORIC ARCHAEOLOGICAL SITE 35 CLT 21

COUNTY CLATSOP

TOWN/VICINITY ECOLA STATE PARK
CANNON BEACH

EVALUATOR

[Signature]
 DATE _____

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1. <u>Integrity of site</u> - Site is essentially undisturbed, unencroached.	5.0	X	<u>4.75</u> =	<u>23.75</u>
2. <u>Interpretive potential</u> - Site has yielded, or has potential of yielding important information related to an established body of knowledge about prehistory and/or prehistoric environments.	5.0	X	<u>4.75</u> =	<u>23.75</u>

TOTAL 47.5

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Contact the Oregon State Archaeologist for details.**