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UNITED STATES DEPARTMENT OF THE INTERIOR  
 NATIONAL PARK SERVICE  
**NATIONAL REGISTER OF HISTORIC PLACES**  
**INVENTORY -- NOMINATION FORM**  
 FOR FEDERAL PROPERTIES

FOR NPS USE ONLY  
 RECEIVED APR 5 1977  
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SEE INSTRUCTIONS IN HOW TO COMPLETE NATIONAL REGISTER FORMS  
 TYPE ALL ENTRIES -- COMPLETE APPLICABLE SECTIONS

**1 NAME**



HISTORIC

Umpqua River Light

AND/OR COMMON

**2 LOCATION**

STREET & NUMBER

Sw of Winchester Bay

NOT FOR PUBLICATION

CITY, TOWN

Winchester Bay

VICINITY OF

CONGRESSIONAL DISTRICT

4th

STATE

Oregon

CODE  
41

COUNTY

Douglas

CODE

019

**3 CLASSIFICATION**

CATEGORY	OWNERSHIP	STATUS	PRESENT USE
<input type="checkbox"/> DISTRICT	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> PUBLIC	<input type="checkbox"/> OCCUPIED	<input type="checkbox"/> AGRICULTURE
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> BUILDING(S)	<input type="checkbox"/> PRIVATE	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> UNOCCUPIED	<input type="checkbox"/> MUSEUM
<input type="checkbox"/> STRUCTURE	<input type="checkbox"/> BOTH	<input type="checkbox"/> WORK IN PROGRESS	<input type="checkbox"/> COMMERCIAL
<input type="checkbox"/> SITE	<b>PUBLIC ACQUISITION</b>	<b>ACCESSIBLE</b>	<input type="checkbox"/> EDUCATIONAL
<input type="checkbox"/> OBJECT	<input type="checkbox"/> IN PROCESS	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> YES: RESTRICTED	<input type="checkbox"/> ENTERTAINMENT
	<input type="checkbox"/> BEING CONSIDERED	<input type="checkbox"/> YES: UNRESTRICTED	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> GOVERNMENT
		<input type="checkbox"/> NO	<input type="checkbox"/> INDUSTRIAL
			<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> MILITARY
			<input type="checkbox"/> PARK
			<input type="checkbox"/> PRIVATE RESIDENCE
			<input type="checkbox"/> RELIGIOUS
			<input type="checkbox"/> SCIENTIFIC
			<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> TRANSPORTATION
			<input type="checkbox"/> OTHER:

**4 AGENCY**

REGIONAL HEADQUARTERS: (If applicable)

U.S. Coast Guard

Commander, Thirteenth Coast Guard District (flp)

STREET & NUMBER

915 Second Avenue

CITY, TOWN

Seattle

VICINITY OF

Washington

STATE

98174

**5 LOCATION OF LEGAL DESCRIPTION**

COURTHOUSE,  
 REGISTRY OF DEEDS, ETC.

Douglas County Courthouse

STREET & NUMBER

Douglas County-County Courthouse

CITY, TOWN

Roseburg

STATE

Oregon

**6 REPRESENTATION IN EXISTING SURVEYS**

TITLE

Statewide Inventory of Historic Sites and Buildings

DATE

1970

FEDERAL  STATE  COUNTY  LOCAL

DEPOSITORY FOR  
 SURVEY RECORDS

Parks and Recreation Branch

CITY, TOWN

Salem

Oregon

STATE

# 7 DESCRIPTION

CONDITION		CHECK ONE	CHECK ONE
<input type="checkbox"/> EXCELLENT	<input type="checkbox"/> DETERIORATED	<input type="checkbox"/> UNALTERED	<input checked="" 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		

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

The light structure consists of a brick masonry conical tower, with a rectangular engine room extension connected by a short passage way. The stuccoed tower, 22 feet in diameter at the base, rises 67 feet to a metal framed lantern which has sixteen sides (marked A-P for erection purposes). The lantern is glazed with three tiers of rectangular panes and is capped with a ball finial ventilator.

The base of the tower is distinguished by an elaborate water table formed of cut stone mouldings. The two windows in the stairway of the tower have fully developed stone enframements. The tower work room below the lantern has four windows which alternate with recessed panels in the masonry. There is a moulded stone band below the windows and an elaborate modillioned cornice just below the railing.

The lantern is fitted with a first order lens manufactured by F. BARBIER & CIE in Paris, dated 1890, and is designated BF/91. The lens and carriage are supported on four metal columns connected by open spandrel arches.

The attached engine room, 16.1 ft X 12.1 ft, has a gable roof with masonry parapets. Access is gained through a door on the west side before which is a flight of stone steps. The one inside room has been refinished with resilient flooring, fiber-board ceiling and new door and window trim. This building is now covered with asphalt shingles rather than the original wood. The parapets have been capped in metal and a modern flush door installed.

### Color Scheme:

Grey: Base  
Grey Green: Lantern, window sash, frames and reveals  
White: Masonry walls  
Red: Roof

### Light Characteristics: Gr. Fl. W., Alt. R. Fl., 15 Seconds

Light List: 1278 and 90  
Source of illumination: electricity  
Height of focal plane: 165 feet  
Range of light: 21 miles white, 20 red  
Fog signal: NONE  
Radio Beacon: 324 khz 25 ft @ 270 degrees from light  
Light Signal: 0.1 sec white flash, 4.9 eclipse  
                  0.1 sec white flash, 4.9 eclipse  
                  0.1 sec red flash, 4.9 eclipse  
Light Specs: 210,000 candlepower electric  
There are no associated structures of significance remaining.

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

1894

BUILDER/ARCHITECT

C. W. LEICK

STATEMENT OF SIGNIFICANCE

Original specs for first order lens (1898), light tower (Jan 1891) keepers dwelling, barn, oil house, etc (Jan 1891) are still on file at CG District 13 Headquarters.

The mouth of the Umpqua River was among the first four sites selected for light-houses in the Oregon Territory. Other designated sites, as stated in a letter dated 01 October 1851 from the Secretary of the Treasury to the Secretary of the Interior, were Cape Disappointment, New Dungeness and Cape Flattery. All three of these sites now fall within the borders of the State of Washington. Construction of the first light-house, which was built near the river's entrance, was commenced in 1856 and the light exhibition in the fall of the following year. In 1863, river freshets undermined the foundations of this structure and it collapsed, a total loss.

It was not until 1888 that Congress appropriated money for a replacement. A site of higher elevation was purchased and construction commenced in 1891. Completion of the facility was delayed by default of one of the contractors and it was not finished and lighted until near the end of 1894.

The tower and workroom bear a striking resemblance to Heceta Head Light, which was built about thirty miles to the north in 1892-93. Another similar light of the north-west coast is North Head Lighthouse (c. 1898) in the State of Washington near the mouth of the Columbia River.

Jim Gibbs, in West Coast Lighthouses, reports a thrilling story of piracy which took place off the Umpqua River Light in 1909. Two men of unsavory character, suspecting the presence of a large gold shipment, plotted to sieze the Alaska Pacific Navagation Co., liner BUCKMAN, run her aground and make off with the treasure. The plans were thwarted, but not before the captain of the ship and the leading thug were dead.

A fog bell on public display in front of the tower bears the following inscription:

U S L H E  
J. REGESTER & SONS  
BALTIMORE MD.  
1889

# 9 MAJOR BIBLIOGRAPHICAL REFERENCES

Coast Guard Property Records  
 J. A. GIBBS Jr. Sentinels of the North Pacific (Portland: Binford & Mort, 1955)  
 JIM GIBBS West Coast Lighthouses (Seattle: Superior Publishing Co., 1974)  
 F. ROSS HOLLAND Jr. America's Lighthouses (Brattleboro, Vt: Stephen Greene, 1972)

# 10 GEOGRAPHICAL DATA

ACREAGE OF NOMINATED PROPERTY less than one acre LBF 6/27/77

UTM REFERENCES

A	1,0	4,0,3,5,0,0	4,8,3,4,8,50	B			
	ZONE	EASTING	NORTHING		ZONE	EASTING	NORTHING
C				D			

VERBAL BOUNDARY DESCRIPTION

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

STATE	CODE	COUNTY	CODE
STATE	CODE	COUNTY	CODE

# 11 FORM PREPARED BY

NAME / TITLE

R.J. WILLIAMSON, Lt. USCG Chief, Logistics & Property Branch

ORGANIZATION

DATE

Thirteenth Coast Guard District, 915-2nd Ave., FTS: 399-5620 or 5723

STREET & NUMBER

TELEPHONE

Seattle

Washington

98174

CITY OR TOWN

STATE

# 12 CERTIFICATION OF NOMINATION

STATE HISTORIC PRESERVATION OFFICER RECOMMENDATION

YES

NO

NONE

*[Signature]*  
 STATE HISTORIC PRESERVATION OFFICER SIGNATURE

In compliance with Executive Order 11593, I hereby nominate this property to the National Register, certifying that the State Historic Preservation Officer has been allowed 90 days in which to present the nomination to the State Review Board and to evaluate its significance. The evaluated level of significance is National National  State  Local

FEDERAL REPRESENTATIVE SIGNATURE

*[Signature]*

TITLE

*Environmental Affairs Specialist*

DATE

*3/29/77*

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

*[Signature]*

DATE

*10/21/77*

ATTEST:

*[Signature]*  
 Robert B. Ketting

KEEPER OF THE NATIONAL REGISTER

DATE

*10/12/77*

KEEPER OF THE NATIONAL REGISTER



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NPS Number \_\_\_\_\_

Title:

*Unpqua Ruin*  
*Light House*

Loc. \_\_\_\_\_

*Douglas County, OR # 1 of 2*

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13th COAST GUARD DISTRICT  
618-2nd Avenue, Seattle 4, Washington



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Title:

*Umpqua River Light  
House*

Loc.

*Douglas County, OR*

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