

UNITED STATES DEPARTMENT OF THE INTERIOR
NATIONAL PARK SERVICE

NATIONAL REGISTER OF HISTORIC PLACES
INVENTORY -- NOMINATION FORM

FOR FEDERAL PROPERTIES

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

1 NAME

HISTORIC
Oregon Inlet Station
AND/OR COMMON

2 LOCATION

STREET & NUMBER
about 12 mi. N of Rodanthe on Pva Island
CITY, TOWN
Rodanthe *vic.*
STATE
North Carolina
VICINITY OF
CODE 37
CONGRESSIONAL DISTRICT
#1
COUNTY
Dare
CODE
055

3 CLASSIFICATION

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

4 AGENCY

REGIONAL HEADQUARTERS: (If applicable)
Department of Transportation, U. S. Coast Guard
STREET & NUMBER
Commander, Fifth Coast Guard District, 431 Crawford Street
CITY, TOWN
Portsmouth
VICINITY OF
STATE
Virginia

5 LOCATION OF LEGAL DESCRIPTION

COURTHOUSE,
REGISTRY OF DEEDS, ETC.
Dare County Courthouse
STREET & NUMBER
CITY, TOWN
Manteo
STATE
North Carolina

6 REPRESENTATION IN EXISTING SURVEYS

TITLE
None
DATE
FEDERAL STATE COUNTY LOCAL

DEPOSITORY FOR SURVEY RECORDS
CITY, TOWN
STATE

7 DESCRIPTION

CONDITION

EXCELLENT

DETERIORATED

GOOD

RUINS

FAIR

UNEXPOSED

CHECK ONE

UNALTERED

ALTERED

CHECK ONE

ORIGINAL SITE

MOVED

DATE _____

DESCRIBE THE PRESENT AND ORIGINAL (IF KNOWN) PHYSICAL APPEARANCE

The present structure at Oregon Inlet Coast Guard Station is an enlarged and altered version of a turn-of-the-century story and a half frame prototype station constructed by the U. S. Lifesaving Service along the Outer Banks of North Carolina. The residentially scaled structure is sided with wood shingles (typical of the area) and roofed with shakes. The shingle siding is presently painted white. An observation tower, bereft of its original pyramidal roof and catwalk rises on the east side. A concrete floored porch extends across the south side and continues up east and west sides for fifteen (15) feet. The interior is subdivided for modern station functions and is fitted primarily with modern surface finishes, doors and trims. Three (3) wooden water tanks are immediately adjacent to the structure to the north. The roof is pierced by eight (8) dormer windows.

SIGNIFICANCE

PERIOD	AREAS OF SIGNIFICANCE -- CHECK AND JUSTIFY BELOW				
PREHISTORIC	<input type="checkbox"/> ARCHEOLOGY-PREHISTORIC	<input type="checkbox"/> COMMUNITY PLANNING	<input type="checkbox"/> LANDSCAPE ARCHITECTURE	<input type="checkbox"/> RELIGION	
1400-1499	<input type="checkbox"/> ARCHEOLOGY-HISTORIC	<input type="checkbox"/> CONSERVATION	<input type="checkbox"/> LAW	<input type="checkbox"/> SCIENCE	
1500-1599	<input type="checkbox"/> AGRICULTURE	<input type="checkbox"/> ECONOMICS	<input type="checkbox"/> LITERATURE	<input type="checkbox"/> SCULPTURE	
1600-1699	<input type="checkbox"/> ARCHITECTURE	<input type="checkbox"/> EDUCATION	<input type="checkbox"/> MILITARY	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> SOCIAL/HUMANITARIAN	
1700-1799	<input type="checkbox"/> ART	<input type="checkbox"/> ENGINEERING	<input type="checkbox"/> MUSIC	<input type="checkbox"/> THEATER	
X 1800-1899	X <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> COMMERCE	<input type="checkbox"/> EXPLORATION/SETTLEMENT	<input type="checkbox"/> PHILOSOPHY	X <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> TRANSPORTATION	
1900-1999	<input type="checkbox"/> COMMUNICATIONS	<input type="checkbox"/> INDUSTRY	<input type="checkbox"/> POLITICS/GOVERNMENT	<input type="checkbox"/> OTHER (SPECIFY)	
		<input type="checkbox"/> INVENTION			

SPECIFIC DATES 1897/1933 BUILDER/ARCHITECT UNKNOWN

STATEMENT OF SIGNIFICANCE

Oregon Inlet Station, constructed in 1897 and remodeled in 1933 and 1970, is the oldest active Coast Guard Station in the State of North Carolina.

The present Oregon Inlet Coast Guard Station is the continuation of the Oregon Inlet Lifeboat Station, one of the first seven sites selected by the Lifesaving Service on the Outer Banks in 1874. The other stations were: Caffrey's Inlet, Chicamicomico, Jones' Hill (renamed Currituck Beach), Kitty Hawk Beach, Little Kinnakeet, and Nag's Head. By 1883, twenty-nine stations had been established. All but four of these stations were on the Outer Banks and several are still standing, however, most of them were converted into boathouses when larger stations were built and have been transferred to other government agencies, sold by the government, or destroyed.

The inlet, Oregon Inlet, opened as a result of a 7 September 1846 hurricane. It was named for the first vessel passing through the inlet - the side-wheeler "OREGON". Since the inlet opened in 1846, it has continued to move southward and by 1871 was within 500 feet of the Bodie Island Lighthouse. The original sites of the Bodie Island Lighthouse, the Confederate Fort Oregon built in 1861 and the 1874 Oregon Inlet Lifesaving Station have washed away and have become part of the inlet.

Oregon Inlet Station has never been a lighthouse in the traditional form.

The main building at Oregon Inlet is a representative and well-preserved example of the functional Shingle style of architecture characterized by the swooping, dormered roofline, deep porches and shingled wall and roof surfaces. The Shingle Style was employed in Coast Guard stations and other coastal buildings by the Federal Government in the late nineteenth and early twentieth centuries.

MAJOR BIBLIOGRAPHICAL REFERENCES

Stick, David, Graveyard of the Atlantic
Chapel Hill: 1952

Stick, David, Outer Banks of North Carolina
Chapel Hill: 1958

GEOGRAPHICAL DATA

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UTM REFERENCES

A	1,8	45,2	6,4,5	3,9	5,8	3,0,0	B	1,8	45,2	7,4,0	3,9	5,8	1,2,0
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C	1,8	45,2	5,6,0	3,9	5,8	0,4,0	D	1,8	45,2	4,6,0	3,9	5,8	2,2,0
	ZONE	EASTING	NORTHING		ZONE	EASTING		ZONE	EASTING	NORTHING		ZONE	EASTING

VERBAL BOUNDARY DESCRIPTION

Station located on northern end of Pea Island; east side State Road 1257, 0.3 miles north of North Carolina Highway 12.

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

STATE	CODE	COUNTY	CODE
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FORM PREPARED BY

NAME / TITLE

Mr. William M. Whittington, Realty Specialist . 26 August 1975

ORGANIZATION

Fifth Coast Guard District

DATE

804-393-9304

STREET & NUMBER

431 Crawford Street

TELEPHONE

CITY OR TOWN

Portsmouth, Virginia 23705

STATE

CERTIFICATION OF NOMINATION

STATE HISTORIC PRESERVATION OFFICER RECOMMENDATION

YES

NO

NONE

Ronnie M. Dreyel (Deputy)
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 State Local .

FEDERAL REPRESENTATIVE SIGNATURE

TITLE COMMUNITY AFFAIRS SPECIALIST

DATE 10/31/75

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

DIRECTOR, OFFICE OF ARCHAEOLOGY AND HISTORIC PRESERVATION

DATE 12/23/75

ATTEST:

DATE DEC 18 1975

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3 MAP REFERENCE

SOURCE U. S. Geological Survey 7.5' Series

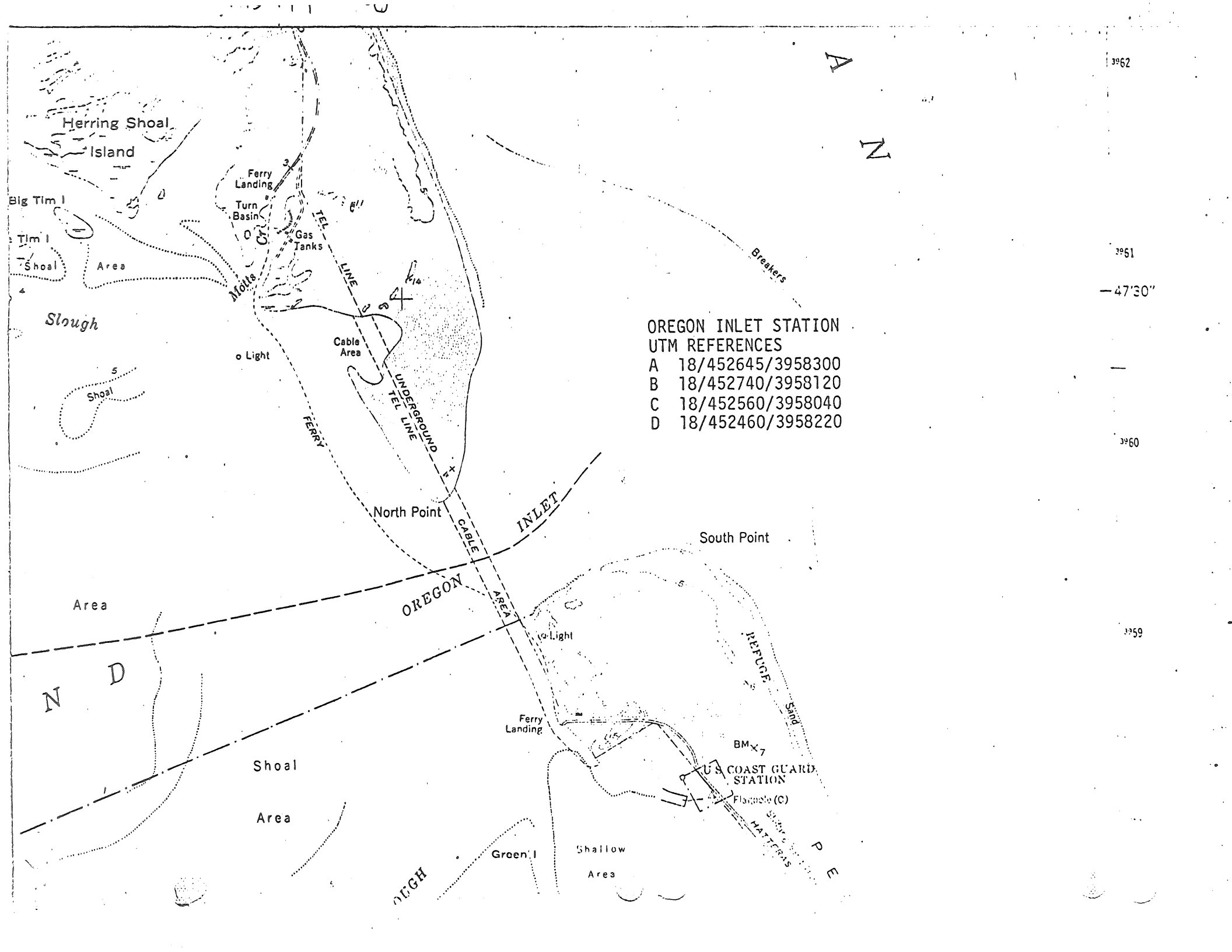
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DATE 1953

4 REQUIREMENTS

TO BE INCLUDED ON ALL MAPS

1. PROPERTY BOUNDARIES
2. NORTH ARROW
3. UTM REFERENCES



OREGON INLET STATION
 UTM REFERENCES
 A 18/452645/3958300
 B 18/452740/3958120
 C 18/452560/3958040
 D 18/452460/3958220

3962
 3961
 -47'30"
 3960
 3959

