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Historic Light Station Information OREGON

CAPE ARAGO (CAPE GREGORY) LIGHT

Location: GREGORY POINT/SW OF COOS BAY ENTRANCE

Station Established: 1866

Year Current Tower(s) First Lit: 1934

Operational? YES

Automated? YES 1966

Deactivated: n/a

Foundation Materials: CONCRETE

Construction Materials: REINFORCED CONCRETE

Tower Shape: OCTAGONAL ATTACHED TO FOG SIGNAL BD

Markings/Pattern: WHITE TOWER, GREEN LANTERN, RED DOME

Relationship to Other Structure: ATTACHED

Original Lens: FOURTH ORDER, FRESNEL 1866

CAPE BLANCO LIGHT

Location: SOUTHERNMOST OREGON COAST

Station Established: 1870

Year Current Tower(s) First Lit: 1870

Operational? YES

Automated? YES 1980

Deactivated: n/a

Foundation Materials: BRICK

Construction Materials: BRICK

Tower Shape: CONICAL ATTACHED TO WORKROOM

Markings/Pattern: WHITE TOWER, GREEN LANTERN, RED DOME

Relationship to Other Structure: ATTACHED

Original Lens: FIRST ORDER, FRESNEL 1870

CAPE MEARES LIGHT



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Location: SOUTHERN ENTRANCE TO TILLAMOOK BAY
Station Established: 1890
Year Current Tower(s) First Lit: 1890
Operational? NO
Automated? YES 1963
Deactivated: 1963
Foundation Materials: CONCRETE
Construction Materials: BRICK SHEATHED IN SHEET IRON
Tower Shape: OCTAGONAL ATTACHED TO WORKROOM
Markings/Pattern: WHITE W/BLACK TRIM
Relationship to Other Structure: ATTACHED
Original Lens: FIRST ORDER, FRESNEL 1890

COQUILLE RIVER (BANDON) LIGHT

Location: ENTRANCE TO COQUILLE RIVER
Station Established: 1896
Year Current Tower(s) First Lit: 1896
Operational? NO
Automated? YES
Deactivated: 1939
Foundation Materials: ROCK & CONCRETE JETTY
Construction Materials: BRICK/STUCCOED
Tower Shape: CONICAL ATTACHED TO SIGNAL BLDG.
Markings/Pattern: WHITE TOWER W/BLACK LANTERN
Relationship to Other Structure: ATTACHED
Original Lens: FOURTH ORDER, FRESNEL 1896

HECETA HEAD LIGHT

Location: NORTH OF SUISLAW RIVER
Station Established: 1894
Year Current Tower(s) First Lit: 1894
Operational? YES
Automated? YES 1963
Deactivated: n/a
Foundation Materials: NATURAL/EMPLACED
Construction Materials: BRICK/STUCCOED



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Tower Shape: CONICAL ATTACHED TO WORKROOM
Markings/Pattern: WHITE TOWER/GREEN LANTERN/RED DOME
Relationship to Other Structure: ATTACHED
Original Lens: FIRST ORDER, FRESNEL 1894

TILLAMOOK ROCK LIGHT

Location: OFF TILLAMOOK HEAD
Station Established: 1881
Year Current Tower(s) First Lit: 1881
Operational? NO
Automated? YES
Deactivated: 1957
Foundation Materials: CONCRETE
Construction Materials: BASALT MASONRY/BRICK/IRON
Tower Shape: ROUND LANTERN ON SQUARE TOWER
Markings/Pattern: WHITE
Relationship to Other Structure: INTEGRAL
Original Lens: FIRST ORDER, FRESNEL 1881

HISTORICAL INFORMATION:

Tillamook Rock, one of the most exposed stations on the Pacific coast, has received many batterings by violent storms. Although the lantern is 133 feet above the level of the sea, the protective glass has on more than one occasion been shattered by stones hurled by giant waves. During the building of the station a lighthouse engineer lost his life during an attempted landing on the rock. While extensive repairs were being made to the lighthouse following a disastrous storm, a keeper and a workman were taken seriously ill as the result of exposure. A lighthouse tender attempted to remove them from the rock, but after several efforts to send a boat to the rock it was necessary to remove the men by means of a breeches buoy. Other men were landed on the rock in the same manner to take the place of those who were ill. In 1957 the light was discontinued and the island sold.

UMPQUA RIVER LIGHT

Location: UMPQUA RIVER ABOVE ENTRANCE TO WINCHESTER BAY
Station Established: 1856



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Year Current Tower(s) First Lit: 1894
Operational? YES
Automated? YES 1966
Deactivated: n/a
Foundation Materials: NATURAL/EMPLACED/MASONRY
Construction Materials: BRICK/STUCCOED
Tower Shape: CONICAL ATTACHED TO WORKROOM
Markings/Pattern: WHITE TOWER/GREEN LANTERN/RED DOME
Relationship to Other Structure: ATTACHED
Original Lens: FIRST ORDER, FRESNEL 1894

WILLAMETTE RIVER LIGHT

Location: MOUTH OF THE WILLAMETTE RIVER ON THE COLUMBIA RIVER
Station Established: 1895
Year Current Tower(s) First Lit:
Operational: No
Automated: No
Deactivated:
Tower Shape: None, two-story octagonal dwelling on piles. Light was a post lantern mounted on a railing of the dwelling.
Height:
Markings/Pattern: Post lantern mounted on a railing.
Original Lens:
Characteristic: Flashing white every 4 seconds
Fog Horn: Bell, 1 stroke every 10 seconds

HISTORICAL INFORMATION:

- Funding authorized in 1894.
 - Station was established in 1895.
 - Station was electrified and automated in 1935. Light and fog signal were moved to a low piling near the Kelly Point beach while the dwelling was acquired by the Portland Mercantile Exchange.
 - Dwelling was destroyed by fire in the 1950s.
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YAQUINA BAY LIGHT (OLD)



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Location: YAQUINA BAY STATE PARK
Station Established: 1871
Year Current Tower(s) First Lit: 1871
Operational? NO
Automated? NO
Deactivated: 1874-1996
Foundation Materials: NATURAL/EMPLACED
Construction Materials: WOOD
Tower Shape: SQUARE
Markings/Pattern: WHITE TOWER ON DWELLING
Relationship to Other Structure: INTEGRAL
Original Lens: FIFTH ORDER, FRESNEL 1871

YAQUINA HEAD LIGHT

Location: THREE MILES NORTH OF YAQUINA BAY ENTRANCE
Station Established: 1873
Year Current Tower(s) First Lit: 1873
Operational? YES
Automated? YES 1966
Deactivated: n/a
Foundation Materials: BRICK
Construction Materials: BRICK
Tower Shape: CONICAL ATTACHED TO WORKROOM
Markings/Pattern: WHITE TOWER/GREEN LANTERN/RED DOME
Relationship to Other Structure: ATTACHED
Original Lens: FIRST ORDER, FIXED, FRESNEL 1868
