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Form 10-306
(Oct. 1972)

UNITED STATES DEPARTMENT OF THE INTERIOR
NATIONAL PARK SERVICE

NATIONAL REGISTER OF HISTORIC PLACES INVENTORY – NOMINATION FORM
FOR FEDERAL PROPERTIES

(Type all entries - complete applicable sections)

STATE: MICHIGAN
COUNTY: DELTA
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ENTRY DATE: APR 28 1975

SEE INSTRUCTIONS

1. NAME

COMMON: Peninsula Point Lighthouse use this

AND/OR HISTORIC: Point Peninsula Light Station, Point AuBay

2. LOCATION

STREET AND NUMBER: Lot #2, Sec. 24, T38N-R22W

CITY OR TOWN: 6½ miles SE Escanaba on the Hiawatha Nat. Forest

CONGRESSIONAL DISTRICT: 11

STATE:	CODE	COUNTY:	CODE
Michigan	26	Delta	041

3. CLASSIFICATION

CATEGORY (Check One)	OWNERSHIP		STATUS	ACCESSIBLE TO THE PUBLIC
☐ District ☒ Building	☒ Public	Public Acquisition:	☐ Occupied	Yes:
☐ Site ☐ Structure	☐ Private	☐ In Process	☒ Unoccupied	☐ Restricted
☐ Object	☐ Both	☐ Being Considered	☐ Preservation work in progress	☒ Unrestricted
				☐ No

PRESENT USE *(Check One or More as Appropriate)*

☐ Agricultural	☐ Government	☒ Park	☐ Transportation	☐ Comments
☐ Commercial	☐ Industrial	☐ Private Residence	☒ Other *(Specify)*	
☐ Educational	☐ Military	☐ Religious	Historical	
☐ Entertainment	☐ Museum	☐ Scientific		

4. AGENCY

U.S. FOREST SERVICE

REGIONAL HEADQUARTERS: *(If applicable)* U.S. Forest Service - REGION NINE

STREET AND NUMBER: 633 West Wisconsin Ave.

CITY OR TOWN: Milwaukee

STATE: Wisconsin CODE: 55

5. LOCATION OF LEGAL DESCRIPTION

COURTHOUSE, REGISTRY OF DEEDS, ETC: National Archives

STREET AND NUMBER:

CITY OR TOWN: Washington

STATE: D.C. CODE: 11

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6. REPRESENTATION IN EXISTING SURVEYS

TITLE OF SURVEY: Light-House Site at Point Peninsula, Michigan

DATE OF SURVEY: Aug. 1883 ☒ Federal ☐ State ☐ County ☐ Local

DEPOSITORY FOR SURVEY RECORDS: Department of Commerce - Lighthouse Service

STREET AND NUMBER:

CITY OR TOWN: Washington

STATE: D.C. CODE: 11

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7. DESCRIPTION

CONDITION	(Check One)					
	☐ Excellent	☒ Good	☐ Fair	☐ Deteriorated	☐ Ruins	☐ Unexposed
	(Check One)		(Check One)			
	☒ Altered	☐ Unaltered	☐ Moved	☒ Original Site		

DESCRIBE THE PRESENT AND ORIGINAL *(if known)* PHYSICAL APPEARANCE

The Peninsula Point Lighthouse, established in 1865, was a one and one-half story residence measuring twenty-nine by twenty-seven feet. In the center of the south end of the building there was an attached forty foot high, 9½ft.x8¼ft. light tower with a spiral iron stairway leading to the light cubicle. The lantern deck was 3'9" above the roof ridge of the dwelling. A 9ft.x7ft brick entry provided access to the north end of the dwelling and to a full basement. Access to the first and second stories of the dwelling was also provided from the spiral stairway in the light tower. The entire structure was built of brick on a solid concrete foundation, 1½ feet thick. The first story and tower was covered with face brick; the upper story and roof with cedar shingles.

The interior of the lighthouse provided living quarters for the keeper and his family. There was a large bedroom and store room on the second floor. These were accessible only from the stairway in the light tower. The first floor was partitioned into kitchen, pantry, parlor, bedroom and oil room. These were accessible from a center narrow hallway with an entry from the light tower. Access to the kitchen was from the back entry. The basement provided space for fuel wood supply and provisions. A wood range in the kitchen and space heaters in the parlor and upstairs bedroom were the only sources of heat during cold weather.

In 1902 gables were added to the east and west slopes of the roof to provide the family with additional bedroom space. These were wood shingled to conform with the rest of the dwelling. The same year a frame addition was added to the north end of the building and a stable and wood shed were built on the site. In 1922 when the light was made automatic and the residence was vacated, the frame addition and all accessory buildings were removed.

Fire completely destroyed the dwelling part of structure in 1959. In 1962 the rubble was cleared away and the light tower was repaired by pointing the brick work on the north side where the intense heat damaged the mortar. It was then faced with new brick. In addition, the doorway openings were bricked up halfway to serve as window openings. During the summer season it is used as an observation tower by visitors and as a subject and vantage point by photographers.

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8. SIGNIFICANCE

PERIOD *(Check One or More as Appropriate)*

☐ Pre-Columbian	☐ 16th Century	☐ 18th Century	☐ 20th Century
☐ 15th Century	☐ 17th Century	☒ 19th Century	

SPECIFIC DATE(S) *(If Applicable and Known)*

AREAS OF SIGNIFICANCE *(Check One or More as Appropriate)*

Aboriginal	☐ Education	☐ Political	☐ Urban Planning
☐ Prehistoric	☐ Engineering	☐ Religion/Philosophy	☐ Other *(Specify)*
☐ Historic	☐ Industry		_____
☐ Agriculture	☐ Invention	☐ Science	_____
☐ Architecture	☐ Landscape Architecture	☐ Sculpture	_____
☐ Art		☐ Social/Humanitarian	_____
☒ Commerce	☐ Literature		_____
☐ Communications	☐ Military	☐ Theater	_____
☐ Conservation	☐ Music	☐ Transportation	_____

STATEMENT OF SIGNIFICANCE

There is some evidence that Peninsula Point was a favored summer camping ground for Indians before the eighteenth century. Bits of flaked flint on the beach are mute evidence that in prehistoric times Indians had fashioned tools and arrowheads there. Charles Burt in his General Land Office survey notes of 1847 records the presence of an Indian burial ground in the vicinity of the lighthouse site. It was also reported that a large metal pot, spoon and arrowhead were accidentally uncovered in a grave when a hole was dug for a flag pole.

The iron ore loading docks were first built by the Chicago Northwestern Railroad in Escanaba in 1864. In the same year on July 20, 1864 Congress appropriated funds for building a lighthouse on Peninsula Point between Big and Little Bay de Noc. Construction of the station was completed and the lantern was lighted for the first time 1865. Peninsula Point, exposed for a quarter of a mile in low water, points its long finger southward toward an area of dangerous shoals that became the graves of many vessels in the early days of shipping. In addition to Peninsula Point, there are the Eleven Foot, Corona, Drisco, North Drisco and Minneapolis shoals -- a set of reefs with rocky teeth to tear the bottom out of wooden ships. But the days of wooden sailing vessels passed quickly and were replaced with steel propeller driven metal ships. Shipping activities increased rapidly as the need for ore, fish, lumber and other forest products multiplied.

But vessels continued having troubles navigating the channel between the numerous reefs and shoals. In 1894 a light ship was first placed on Eleven Foot Shoal as an additional navigation aid in support of placing buoys on the various shoals that extend nine miles south from the light station on the point.

The usefulness of the lighthouse on Peninsula Point for navigation purposes was diminishing rapidly. An automatic acetylene light replaced the hand operated oil lamp in 1922 and the keeper, Captain J. D. Armstrong, who had served at Peninsula Point for 33 years, was transferred to the Escanaba Light Station. The residence was vacated and the kitchen addition and all accessory buildings were removed from the site. In 1936, when the newly constructed Minneapolis Shoal Lighthouse was put into operation, the light on Peninsula Point was finally snuffed out and the property declared surplus. In 1937 the U.S. Forest Service was granted custodianship and a public picnicground was constructed on the site by the Civilian Conservation Corps.

SEE INSTRUCTIONS

9. MAJOR BIBLIOGRAPHICAL REFERENCES

Construction plans for Point Peninsula Light 1865. Lighthouse clipping file -
Annual Reports of the Lighthouse Board, 1865-1903.
Letter - Dr. of Procurement, Office of Sec. of Treasury to Sec. of Agriculture dated September 25, 1936.
Three Lighthouse Station Journals covering daily entries by keeper from Aug. 4, 1872 to May 24, 1922.
Escanaba Daily Press - Aug. 1, 1931 - Dec. 31, 1948 - May 10, 1949 - Aug. 7, 1949 - Nov. 14, 1949 - Sept. 19, 1962.

10. GEOGRAPHICAL DATA

LATITUDE AND LONGITUDE COORDINATES DEFINING A RECTANGLE LOCATING THE PROPERTY

CORNER	LATITUDE	LONGITUDE
	Degrees Minutes Seconds	Degrees Minutes Seconds
NW	° ' "	° ' "
NE	° ' "	° ' "
SE	° ' "	° ' "
SW	° ' "	° ' "

OR

LATITUDE AND LONGITUDE COORDINATES DEFINING THE CENTER POINT OF A PROPERTY OF LESS THAN TEN ACRES

LATITUDE			LONGITUDE		
Degrees	Minutes	Seconds	Degrees	Minutes	Seconds
45°	40 '	05 "	86 °	58 '	00 "

APPROXIMATE ACREAGE OF NOMINATED PROPERTY: Less than one acre

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 AND TITLE: Robert L. Clayton, Historian

DATE: 8-5-74

BUSINESS ADDRESS: U.S.D.A. Forest Service

STREET AND NUMBER: P.O. Box 316

PHONE: 906-786-4062 FTS 6422 or 23

CITY OR TOWN: Escanaba

STATE: Michigan

CODE: 026

12. CERTIFICATION OF NOMINATION

State Liaison Officer recommendation:

☒ Yes
☐ No
☐ None

Martha M. Bigelow
State Liaison Officer Signature

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

Federal Representative Signature — Date: 3/24/75

Director of Recreation
Title

NATIONAL REGISTER VERIFICATION

I hereby certify that this property is included in the National Register.

Director, Office of Archeology and Historic Preservation

Date 4/28/75

ATTEST:

Keeper of The National Register

APR 24 1975

Date

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(July 1969)

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(Number all entries) Statement of Significance (cont.) #8.2

Because the lighthouse was unoccupied, it became a target for vandals. In 1948 when the U.S. Forest Service was no longer able to finance repairs on it, the alternative of razing the structure was given consideration. The Stonington Grange responded to the people's indigation over this possibility and agreed to do the much needed repair work and to take over the subsequent annual maintenance. They did such a good job in their reclamation work that they won first prize in 1949 in their State contest.

There was a belief at the time that the incidents of vandalism would cease if the local residents were involved in the repair and maintenance work. But the acts of vandalism continued as every effort was made to protect this historic structure by boarding up the windows and doors. Only the light tower was left open for unsupervised public use. In 1959 the residence portion of the structure was gutted by fire which could not be brought under control for the lack of an adequate water supply. Since the fire started on the roof, it was suspected that a visitor had tossed a lighted cigarette on the dry wood shingle roof from the lantern deck of the light tower. In 1962 the fire damage to the north side of the light tower was repaired by pointing the mortar joints and surfacing it with face brick.

There is no longer a light on Point Peninsula to warn ships of the dangerous shoals and to guide them safely on their way to and from the busy ports of Ogontz, Fayette, Gladstone and Escanaba. But the site still serves an important public purpose. The light tower is a reminder of a colorful past and visitors can still climb the spiral iron stairway to reach the lantern deck where they can view the scenery around the point and take pictures. In spite of its remoteness from the main stream of tourist travel, many out-of-State visitors join local parties in a day's outing at the point which extends far out into Green Bay of Lake Michigan.

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TECHNICAL

Photos 1

Maps 1

CONTROL

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HISTORIAN

ARCHITECTURAL HISTORIAN

Important local landmark.
Good Fed. nomination — ACCEPT
HWJandl 4/7/75

ARCHEOLOGIST

OTHER

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✓ Inventory ~~JBA~~ 4/7

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Accept
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BRANCH CHIEF

KEEPER

APR 24 1975

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PROPERTY PHOTOGRAPH FORM

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Michigan	26	Delta	041

3. PHOTO REFERENCE

PHOTO CREDIT: U.S.F.S.

DATE OF PHOTO: June 1974

NEGATIVE FILED AT:
U.S. Forest Service, Escanaba, Michigan 49829

4. IDENTIFICATION

DESCRIBE VIEW, DIRECTION, ETC.

Looking northeast at the observation tower which was until the 1959 fire a part of the Peninsula Point lighthouse building.

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GEOLOGICAL SURVEY
(ADSTONE)
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R. 21 W.
(RAPID RIVER)
45°45′
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BAY DE NOC
Sandstrom Lake
Granskog Lake
Granskog
HIAWATHA NATIONAL FORES
T. 39 N
T. 38 N
Cem
Stonington
Wilsey Bay Cr
Wedens Bay
Deepwater Point
Wilsey Bay
Dutchman Point
Wilsey Bay Point
Lighthouse
Peninsula Point
40′
Peninsula Point Shoal
Eleven Foot Shoal
Corona
(ESCANABA)
PENINSULA POINT LIGHTHOUSE
HISTORICAL SITE
LAT. 45°40'05"
LONG. 86°58'00"
16/502590/5056955
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PENINSULA POINT, MICH.
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PROPERTY MAP FORM

(Type all entries - attach to or enclose with map)

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Michigan	26	Delta	041

3. MAP REFERENCE

SOURCE:
USGS Peninsula Point Quadrangle

SCALE: 15 minute series (topographic) 1:62500

DATE: 1958

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4. REQUIREMENTS

TO BE INCLUDED ON ALL MAPS

1. Property broundaries where required.
2. North arrow.
3. Latitude and longitude reference.

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FOREST SERVICE
Washington, D.C. 20250

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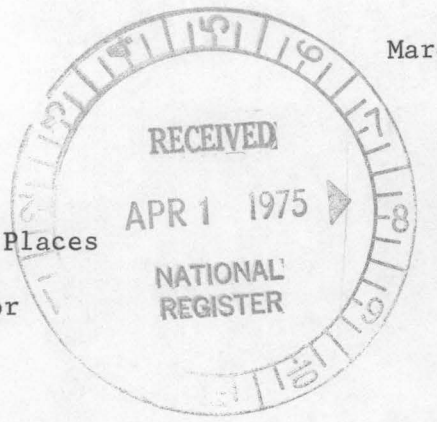

Mr. Charles A. Herrington
Chief of Registration
National Register of Historic Places
National Park Service
U.S. Department of the Interior
Washington, D.C. 20240

Dear Mr. Herrington:

Enclosed are the original copies of National Register of Historic Places nomination forms (10-306, 10-300a, one map, and one photograph) for the Peninsula Point Lighthouse on the Hiawatha National Forest in Michigan.

Please consider the site for listing on the Register.

For additional information about the nomination, please contact Mr. Gordon Sanford in this office. His telephone number is 447-3520.

Sincerely,

for Richard K. Griswold
ZANE G. SMITH, Jr.
Director of Recreation Management

Enclosures

ENTRIES IN THE NATIONAL REGISTER

STATE MICHIGAN

Date Entered APR 28 1975

Name	Location
Point Peninsula Light ~~Station~~ house, Point AuBay	Escanaba vicinity Delta County

change card

Also Notified

Hon. Philip A. Hart
Hon. Robert P. Griffin
Hon. Philip E. Ruppe
Mr. Zane G. Smith, Forest Service
Regional Director, Midwest Region

State Historic Preservation Officer
Dr. Martha Bigelow
Director
Michigan History Division
Dept. of State
Lansing, Michigan 48...

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NR Data Sheet

DATE: 3/28/77
Reviewer INITIALS: DRJ

NR DOE April 28, 1975

NAME AS IT APPEARS IN FEDERAL REGISTER: Peninsula Point Lighthouse (1)

OTHER NAMES: Point Peninsula Light Station, Point AuBay - sec.

LOCATION:

STREET & NUMBER ~~Lot #2, Sec. 24, T38N-R22W~~

CITY, TOWN ~~6 1/2~~ 6.5 mi~~les~~ SE of Escanaba in Hiawatha National Forest

VICINITY OF

CONGRESSIONAL DISTRICT 11th

STATE Michigan

COUNTY Delta code 041

OWNER OF PROPERTY: (Circle) PRIVATE STATE LOCAL GOV'T MUNICIPAL COUNTY OTHER

ADMINISTRATOR (underline) FEDERAL (AGENCY NAME): USFS US Forest Service

NPS REGION: (CIRCLE) N.ATLANTIC MID ATLANTIC SOUTHEAST MIDWEST

SOUTHWEST ROCKY MOUNTAIN WEST PACIFIC NORTHWEST

FEATURES:

INTERIOR	EXTERIOR	ENVIRONS
_ Substantially intact-1	_ Substantially intact-2	✓ Substantially intact-3
_ unknown - 4	_ unknown -5	_ unknown -6
_ not applicable - 7	_ not applicable - 8	_ Not applicable-9

_ Interior, exterior, environs not intact-0

CONDITION - _EXCELLENT ✓GOOD _FAIR _DETERIORATED _RUINS _UNEXPOSED _Unexcavated _UNALTERED ✓ALTERED _Reconstructed _Excavated ✓ORIGINAL SITE _MOVED _Unknown

ACCESS - ~~Yes-restricted~~ Yes-unrestricted No access Unknown

historic district? YES NO

WITHIN NATIONAL REGISTER HISTORIC DISTRICT? YES NO
IF YES, NAME:

WITHIN NATIONAL HISTORIC LANDMARK? YES NO
IF YES, NAME:

ADAPTIVE USE: YES NO **Saved?** YES NO

FUNCTION(S): (use vocabulary words)

then- lighthouse

now- park

SIGNIFICANCE:

_ARCHEOLOGY-PREHISTORIC
_ARCHEOLOGY-HISTORIC
_AGRICULTURE
_ARCHITECTURE
_ART
_COMMERCE
_COMMUNICATIONS
_CONSERVATION
_ECONOMICS
_EDUCATION
_ENGINEERING
_EXPLORATION
_INDUSTRY
_INVENTION
_LANDSCAPE ARCHITECTURE
_LAW/Gov't/politics
_LITERATURE
_MILITARY
_MUSIC
_PHILOSOPHY
_POLITICS/GOVERNMENT
_RELIGION
_SCIENCE
_SOCIAL/HUMANITARIAN
✓TRANSPORTATION -25
_OTHER (SPECIFY) ~~NAVIGATION AID~~
_entertainment
_health
_recreation
_settlement
_socio/cultural
_urban & commun planning

Claims

"first" YES NO "oldest" YES NO "only" YES NO

Do not film

ARCHITECTURAL STYLE: N.A.

architect/m.builder:

landscape/garden designer:

interior decorator:

engineer:

artist/artisan:

builder/contractor:

ETHNIC GROUP:

NAMES: (label role & appropriate date)

personal — Capt. J.D. Armstrong — manned lighthouse for 33 yrs.

events

institutional

DATES: DATE OF CONSTRUCTION (Specific date or 1/4 of century): 1865

DATE(S) OF "MAJOR" ALTERATIONS: ~~1902~~, 1922, 1959, 1962

HISTORICALLY SIGNIFICANT DATE(S):

SOURCE: (OF NOMINATION) PRIVATE ~~STATE~~ LOCAL GOV"T MUNICIPAL COUNTY

OTHER FEDERAL AGENCY: US Forest Service

ACREAGE: (to nearest tenth of an acre) less than 1

COMMENTS: (include architectural information here)

Brick, 3 stories, surmounted by iron railed platform and octagonal glazed lantern, simple 1st story entrance with stone lintel, similar 2nd- and 3rd-story windows; ~~Original (1865) 1½-story lighthouse residence destroyed in 1859 fire~~; exterior alterations to windows and brick surfacing, 1962. Commissioned

SIGNIFICANCE: (maximum two sentences)

~~by Congress~~ in 1864; ~~lighthouse~~ served as navigation aid until replaced ~~turn of century~~ 1936 by ~~when~~ more modern ~~Minneapolis Shoal~~ lighthouse ~~was constructed~~