

**National Historic Lighthouse Preservation Act  
Notice of Availability Date: July 11, 2008**

**Straitsmouth Island Light  
County of Essex, Massachusetts  
July 11, 2008**

The property, Straitsmouth Island Light (Straitsmouth), described on the attached fact sheet has been determined to be excess to the needs of the United States Coast Guard (USCG). Pursuant to the National Historic Lighthouse Preservation Act of 2000, 16 U.S.C. 470, this property is being made available at no cost to eligible entities defined as federal, state and local agencies, non-profit corporations, educational agencies, or community development organizations, for education, park, recreation, cultural, or historic preservation purposes.

In the event no applicant is approved for the no cost conveyance of Straitsmouth pursuant to section 308 of the act, it shall be offered for public sale. Historic covenants will be included in all deeds.

Any eligible entity with an interest in acquiring Straitsmouth for a use consistent with the purposes stated above, should submit a letter of interest to the address listed below by September 8, 2008.

Letters of interest should include:

- Name of property
- Name of eligible entity
- Point of contact, title, address, phone and email
- Non-profit agencies must provide a copy of their state-certified articles of incorporation

Eligible entities that submit a letter of interest will be sent an application by the U.S. Department of the Interior and given an opportunity to inspect the property, in an open house forum. Building inspectors and/or contractors may accompany the applicant on the open house site visit. The completed application must be submitted to the U.S. Department of the Interior within 90 days of the open house. The U.S. Department of the Interior will review applications and select an eligible entity to receive the property. The U.S. General Services Administration will complete the conveyance to the selected recipient.

For more information on the disposal of lighthouses, please visit the National Park Service Lighthouse website at <http://www.cr.nps.gov/maritime/nhlpa/nhlpa.htm>.


Letter of interest shall be directed to:

Ms. Stefanie Palladino  
U.S. General Services Administration  
Property Disposal Division  
10 Causeway street, Room 925  
Boston, MA 02222

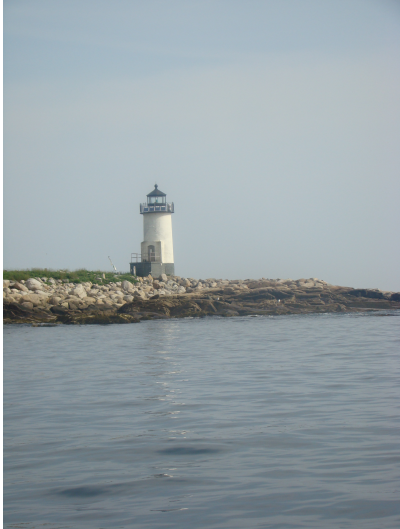
A copy of the letter of interest shall be sent to:

Ms. Brona Simon  
State Historic Preservation Officer  
Massachusetts Historical Commission  
220 Morrissey Boulevard  
Boston, MA 02125-3314

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<b>GSA Control No.</b>	1-U-MA-0885
<b>Property Identification</b>	Straitsmouth Island Light (Straitsmouth Light)
<b>Address</b>	Northeastern end of Straitsmouth Island County of Essex Off the coast of Rockport, MA 01966 Approximate location: 42° 39' 42" N 70° 35' 18" W
<b>Description</b>	 <p>Straitsmouth Island Light and its associate +/-1.8 acre parcel of real property that surrounds the lighthouse structure are located on the northeastern end of Straitsmouth Island. The light structure consists of a 37 foot cylindrical brick/asphalt tower on a foundation of granite setting directly on bedrock (built in 1835).</p> <p>The surrounding land area and structures thereon are owned by the Massachusetts Audubon Society as part of the Ipswich River Wildlife Sanctuary. Access to surrounding land and improvements are closed to the general public.</p>
<b>Condition of Property</b>	The property is offered "AS IS" and "WHERE IS" without representation, warranty, or guarantee as to quality, quantity, title, character, condition, size or kind.
<b>Range of Possible Uses</b>	Historic Lights may be obtained for educational, park, recreational, cultural, or historic preservation purposes.
<b>Commercial Activities</b>	Commercial activities are prohibited unless approved by the Secretary of the Interior.
<b>Historical Information</b>	Property is listed on the National Register of Historic Places, reference number #87001487. Property must be maintained according to the Secretary of Interior's Standards for Rehabilitation. Historic covenants will be incorporated into the deed.
<b>Utilities</b>	None
<b>Current Tenant</b>	None
<b>Aid to Navigation (ATON)</b>	<p>ATON will remain the personal property of USCG. One small electrical room on the second level will remain for exclusive use by the USCG.</p> <p>The 250 mm lantern is solar powered, active, automated,</p>

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	<p>present optic, which flashes white light every 10 seconds (visible 17 nautical miles); foghorn sounds two blasts every 30 seconds.</p>
<p><b>Easements – to be retained by USCG</b></p>	<p>1) An easement to the USCG for the purpose of preserving an Arc of Visibility within the radial arc of 360 degrees for Straitsmouth Island Lighthouse with the stipulation that nothing will be constructed maintained or permitted of a height sufficient to interfere with or obstruct the Arc of Visibility of said light.</p> <p>2) An easement for an unrestricted right of access for ingress and egress, to and across the Property to maintain, operate, service, repair, and replace equipment as necessary to support its ATON mission; and</p> <p>3) The unrestricted right to relocate or add any aids to navigation or communications towers and equipment (along with necessary right of egress/ingress), or make any changes on any portion of the Property as may be necessary for navigation/public safety purposes.</p> <p>4) An easement to the USCG for the purpose of sounding, in certain weather conditions a sound signal.</p>
<p><b>Environmental Information</b></p>	<p>Due to the age of the structure, asbestos and lead-based paint may be present.</p>
<p><b>Notice Response Due Date</b></p>	<p>60 days from the date of this Notice</p>
<p><b>Access/Inspection</b></p> 	<p>Straitsmouth Island is not open to the public. Access to the Light is by boat only, dependent upon the tide. There are no docks or tie-ups provided. Landing will be on the shore and extreme caution should be used.</p> <p>Inspection for eligible applicants will be arranged by US General Services Administration, Boston.</p>
<p><b>Contact</b></p>	<p>Stefanie Palladino: 617-565-5704 or <a href="mailto:Stefanie.Palladino@gsa.gov">Stefanie.Palladino@gsa.gov</a></p>