



Station Humboldt Bay, Oregon

USLSS Station #5, Twelfth District
Coast Guard Station #316

Location:	Near south end of North Spit, on west side Humboldt Bay, 5 miles northeast by north from Table Bluff Light; 40-46' 00"N x 124-13' 00"W
Date of Conveyance:	1892
Station Built:	1878 (first station); 1937
Fate:	Still in operation

Remarks:

Occupied a portion of the lighthouse station.

The February, 1937 issue of the *Coast Guard Magazine* had an article on the station. It read:

Contractors expect to have the new \$78,000 Humboldt Bay Coast Guard station ready for occupancy February [1937]. Equipment and furnishing will cost \$50,000 more. The new station on the peninsula has been erected on the site of the old one, which has seen more than half a century of service. The new structure is of a type originally designed for the east coast, and built to withstand the roughest storms. All

doors and windows will be weather-stripped and the walls insulated with wool. There will be steam heating.

Modern equipment to go with the new station includes a truck to carry surfboats up and down the coast, a new eight-oar 25-foot surf boat, and a self-bailing and self-righting motor lifeboat, and a line throwing gun with a range of 500 feet and a rewinding machine. Standing above the second floor of the new building will be a glass enclosed lookout with the latest type government radio. Coast Guardsmen there will stand unbroken vigil. The crew of 14 now in charge of the station is to be increased to 25 after the new station is placed in service.

Keepers:

Frederick Star was appointed keeper on 25 October 1878 and resigned on 22 January 1883.

William Osberg was appointed keeper on 18 January 1883 and was dismissed on 27 March 1886.

Robert E. Hennig was appointed keeper 7 April 1887 (?) and resigned on 20 August 1908.

Lawrence Elleson was appointed keeper on 31 July 1908 and was still serving in 1915.



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