



USCG Station Quillayute River

Unit Information: **Active Duty Personnel:** 29
Reserve Personnel: 0

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Established: Station Quillayute River is located in La Push, Washington, on the Quileute Indian Reservation. With over 80 years of faithful service established in 1929, the present complex was completed in 1980. Station facilities include barracks, gym, operations and administrative buildings, all constructed on tribal land under a 50-year lease. In addition, a covered mooring for one motor lifeboat was completed in October 1989.

What we do: The station's area of responsibility, which extends from Cape Alava, Wash., south to Queets River, Wash., includes the treacherous inlet at the mouth of the Quillayute River. The jagged rock frame and unpredictable surf zone make the inlet a challenge to navigate. Subsequently the station's boat crews are trained to conduct rescues in rough weather using two [47-foot](#) motor lifeboats, which are capable of operating in 50-knot sustained winds, 30 foot seas, and 20 foot surf. The station is able to respond to distress calls over marine band radio or telephone. The station personnel are also trained to assist the local police department, fire department and park service with emergency flood response when the numerous rivers inland of the station rise above normal levels. The station also performs approximately 100 safety boarding a year on various commercial and recreational boats in its area of responsibility.



Accomplished Operations: Mid October 2003 brought large amounts of rain to western Washington flooding area rivers into the lowlands stranding numerous residents in the La Push area in their homes and cars. Local fire and police agencies were cut off by the flooding and unable to respond; rescue and evacuation of the residents was performed by rescue teams from Station Quillayute River.

Major Events: Because of the start of Salmon fishing season, this station has been working with fisheries regarding fisher boards and general regulation. During the winter months, this station facilitates surf drills.

COMREL: There are numerous ways that Station Quillayute River supports the local community. The station supports local events such as the annual Surfing and Traditions event held every summer as well as Quillayute Days, a local celebration the tribe hosts every year.

Unit Website: The station is currently developing a website. They hope to incorporate photos and biographies of the unit personal. A memorial description of the 44 accident will also be presented in the future unit website.