



U.S. Coast Guard History Program

Station Neah Bay, Washington

Formerly Baaddah Point

USLSS Station #1, Twelfth District
Coast Guard Station #332

Location:	On Indian Reservation
Date of Conveyance:	1877
Station Built:	Unknown
Fate:	Renamed Neah Bay

Remarks:

Established on land reserved to the Department of Interior. This station was disestablished and a new station was established at Waaddah Island in 1908, which is now called Neah Bay.

Coast Guard Station Neah Bay is located at Baaddah Point near the Indian village of Neah Bay at Waaddah Island. The original station had been established on Waaddah Island in 1908, but only two years later it was moved to the mainland after large waves from the Pacific had destroyed its boat rails. The station had to retreat again after the storm of December 2, 1967, that badly damaged one rescue boat and swept away parts of the walkway leading to the moorings. The new station, 920 feet west, on less vulnerable land, was operational in 1972.

In the days of the Life Saving Service, disaster struck when two surfmen of Waaddah Station drowned in a boating accident on November 19, 1908, shortly after the station had been opened.

Keepers:

C. L. Willoughby was appointed keeper and was discharged, date unknown.

Charles Koopman was appointed keeper on 6 SEP 1882 and resigned on 13 JUL 1891.

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