

SITE FACT SHEET

Waadah Island *Site 21*



Description: Site 21 is an abandoned lifeboat station consisting of four Quonset huts at the south end of Waadah Island and three bunkers in the south-central part of the island. Waadah Island was set aside for military use in 1868. The USCG leased land and maintained various facilities on the island, starting with the construction of a lifeboat station in 1877 (the station was moved to the mainland in 1910). The U.S. Coast Guard currently operates two unmanned facilities at the north and south ends of the island that consist of combination foghorns and marker lights.

Community Impacts: Abandoned structures; physical hazards; disturbed terrain; possible soil contamination from unknown types of ordnance and/or ammunitions and from petroleum products; deteriorating Quonset huts and bunkers; miscellaneous building debris.

Investigations and Actions to Date: Site inspection was performed by the Makah Environmental Restoration Team in March 2001. Tecumseh Professional Associates was also on site to conduct a Phase 1 environmental site assessment for the USACE.

Planned Activities: Inventory asbestos-containing materials and lead-based paint; remove asbestos-containing materials; investigate the presence of contaminated soil; remove contaminated soil; deconstruct and remove abandoned buildings.