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NHLPA REPORT COVER SHEET

Name of Property: Cuckolds Fog Signal & Light Station

Address of Property: LAT: 43° 46' 48" N ; LON: 69° 39' 00" W

Reporting Period: MAY 8, 2006 - JUNE 15, 2009

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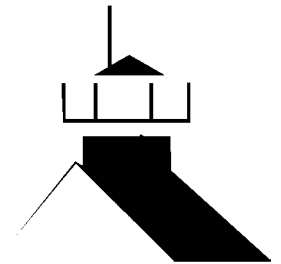
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June 15, 2009

NHLPA Program

Attention: Ms. Alisa McCann

Architectural Historian

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Northeast Region

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Dear Ms. McCann,

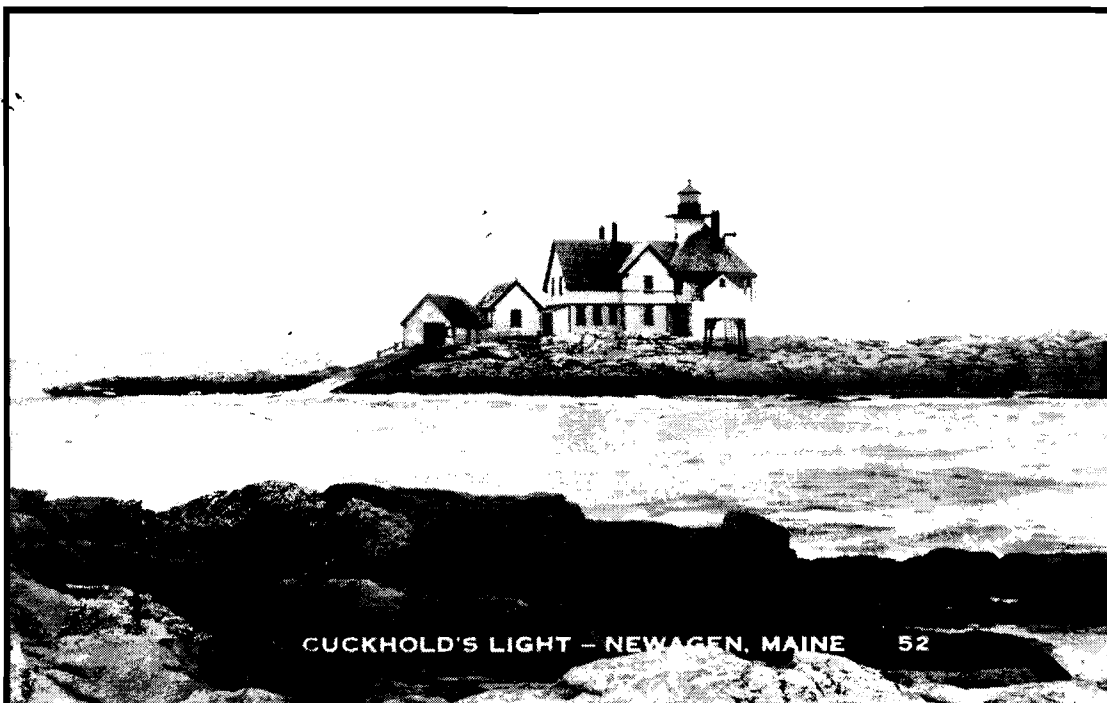
On behalf of my colleagues on the Cuckolds Fog Signal and Light Station, I am pleased to submit our first report describing our considerable progress toward preservation and restoration of the Light Station. For us, this is more than a commitment to the federal agencies from whom we acquired the remnants of the Light Station; the Cuckolds is our community's "front porch light" that stands 1/3 mile offshore on a small island at the entrance to Boothbay Harbor.

In this Report, following your guidelines, we will document our preservation activities and site development; use of the property; financial progress in raising the necessary funds to underwrite the extensive rebuilding that is necessary; issues/impacts or threats to the Light Station; legal involvements; and considerable additional information about public outreach and media involvement, our community's broad commitment to make this happen, and more. Extensive information on plans, progress, and partnerships can be found on the website: www.Cuckoldslight.org. (See **Appendix A**)

While your guidelines provide a helpful, generic template, they make assumptions that are likely applicable to many—perhaps most—Lighthouses. However, you may remember from our 542 page application that the Cuckolds Fog Signal and Light Station was dismantled and all but destroyed by the U.S. Coast Guard in 1977. While the Coast Guard is responsible for maintaining the Light itself (the active aid to navigation), our community took this project on with intent and commitment to raise the funds and rebuild the original structure.

On the following page, you will see a photograph of the Light Station as it is today, and how it looked more than 100 years ago.

Today, this is what remains of the historic Cuckolds Light. These photos were taken from the Western Cuckolds.



The Cuckolds Fog Signal and Light Station is on the National Register of Historic Places. [Please note, this old postcard misspelled the name Cuckolds.]

I. IMPROVEMENTS, MAINTENANCE AND DEVELOPMENT

This section of the guidelines does not yet apply to the Cuckolds. We hope they will soon be apropos to our undertaking. It is not yet time to carry out the cyclical maintenance plan, and the only modifications required to our plans is to move the timeline to begin after we have received all the necessary permits. To move toward reconstruction, we have made the following progress:

- With some considerable effort, we tracked down and obtained copies of the **original Coast Guard drawings** of the Cuckolds buildings. Copies of these drawings can be found on our Cuckolds Fog Signal and Light Station website: <http://www.cuckoldslight.org/slideshow/historical/index.htm>
- We have done **preliminary site clean-up** to enable people to walk on the property safely.
- In an all-volunteer effort, without any remuneration, Skip Rideout, our region's leading marine contractor, has begun to **rebuild the shipways**, the first essential step to give us access to the island. Skip has also acquired and donated to the Cuckolds a 25 KW **generator to provide electrical power** to the island for the reconstruction.
- In late August, 2007, in a real "Iwo Jima" scene, **Gerry Gamage**, Chairman, Southport Maine's Board of Selectmen, installed the 30 foot flagpole built and donated to the Cuckolds by **Henry Berne**, of **Britton of Southport**. We held a major "friend raising and fundraising" event to celebrate the first raising of the American flag at the Cuckolds since it was de-commissioned in 1978 (see Section VI for more information and photos).
- **Martin Moore, Founder and Principal of Coastal Designers**, donated his services to prepare the architectural drawings and construction plans for this project, provided launch service required for several on-site working sessions, and helped calculate the costs for the restoration. (These plans are quite large and difficult to reproduce; however, we will be happy to show them to you in person.)
- We have acquired a commitment from the Eagle Windows & Doors, an Andersen Company, to provide — at no cost — all of the **windows and doors** for the Cuckolds.
- We have a **ready pool of volunteer laborers** ready to mobilize when we are ready to begin construction, and the offer of **barge services** to deliver materials to the construction site.
- We have been in conversation with the US Coast Guard's Aids to Navigation Team to request a stronger light be installed in the Lighthouse—one with a 12 mile radius, as it used to have, to make it more visible to the entire community.

II. USE OF PROPERTY

Located 3/8th of a mile south of Southport Island's Cape Newagen, marking the approach to Boothbay Harbor, the Cuckolds stands at: **Latitude: 43° 46' 48" N | Longitude 69° 39' 00" W**. This is largely a season, summer island, and access to the Cuckolds is difficult except for four months in the summer.

Following are some of the ways we have begun to use the Cuckolds property as we promised, for education, recreation, youth development, historic preservation, and community building:

- **To encourage broad community interest and investment, we have taken dozens of guests out to the Cuckolds** to see the property and learn more about restoration plans.
- **To host a Summer of 2007 orientation program for community education and fundraising**, George McEvoy provided the historic ferry boat, Nellie G II, for our enjoyment and education, along with the Northern Ranger. **Jack Cogswell** has allowed us to use the Carousel Marina for boarding, and has provided refreshments on the Cruise. **Scott Larson's Newagen Seaside Inn** contributed the post-cruise reception and the champagne at the Cuckolds so participants were well fed for this adventure! A **team of volunteers** helped with invitations, RSVPs, and all the other administritivia involved in hosting an event for community leaders. **Senator Susan Collins** came to the dock to see us off on our Cuckolds rescue cruise. See <http://www.cuckoldslight.org/slideshow/index.htm> for photos of the Cuckolds Cruise.**
- **The Maine Island Trail Association** has made the Cuckolds part of their 160 island network extending along a 350-mile long waterway, available for day visits and camping. See page 110 in the Maine Island Trail 2009 Guidebook.

As soon as we are ready to host regular visitors to the Cuckolds:

- **Maureen Heffernan of the Coastal Maine Botanical Gardens** has expressed enthusiasm and interest in re-creating the Lighthouse Keepers' Kitchen Garden, planning and creating a vegetable and herb garden in keeping with the times, at such time as this is desired.
- **Bigelow Laboratories** will offer instruction in marine science and ocean exploration.
- **The Coast Guard** will offer training programs for young people in coastal navigation and marine safety.
- **The Maine Maritime Museum** is tying the Cuckolds into their history programs and will include the Cuckolds in their touring programs.

- **Andy Hamblett** plans to host **YMCA** “adventure camps” and a variety of activities for young people on the Cuckolds.

Among the many **off-site activities** that we have undertaken are:

- **Numerous community presentations** at historical society meetings, libraries, in cooperation with the Boothbay Regional Land Trust, at local historic Inns, and in the Boothbay Regional Schools and Southport Island school. (See PowerPoint presentation in **Appendix B**).**
- **Fireside Chats** at the Newagen Inn
- **Fundraising evenings** at the Carousel Marina and Yacht Club**
- **Private, invitation-only cocktail receptions** hosted by influential community leaders**
- Providing historically accurate information to all **local cruise ships and schooners** (see **Appendix C**).
- **The Boothbay Register** has been a terrific partner, helping raise awareness and keeping the community informed.
- Notably, **The Maine Lighthouse Museum** in Rockland invited the Cuckolds Council to install an exhibition on the Cuckolds Light Rescue in the first half of 2008. The exhibit was created in 2007 and installed in mid-January 2008 by **Todd Merolla** and **Joe Krulis**. This exhibition has been on display until later this week, when we will disassemble the exhibit and re-assemble it for display at the Southport town library. A volunteer artisan and lighthouse lover, **Don Perkins**, known for creating wonderful authentic lighthouse models, built a four-foot by four-foot model of the Cuckolds Island and buildings as they will look when fully restored.
- **The Coastal Senior College based at the University of Maine in Rockland** has asked to have their class visit the Cuckolds and learn of its history and our community’s successful rescue and continuing restoration efforts.
- **The Southport school children** are creating a children’s brochure about the Cuckolds, and the **Boothbay Region schools are also reviewing ways they can involve their students in volunteer and experiential learning activities** surrounding our Light Station. This is truly a community-building initiative, and something we all share and can be proud of.

** The activities noted above with asterisks were used as fundraising activities and were revenue producing (or we hope they will be!)

III. FINANCIAL STATEMENT

The Cuckolds Fog Signal and Light Station is a 501(c) (3) organization, and is led and staffed 100 percent by volunteers. ***We have no formal or audited financial statements as of this date. We have raised more than \$200,000 to date, in contributions, grants, and pledges.***

As of June 16, 2009, the balance on the Cuckolds Fog Signal and Light Station checking account is **\$59,199**. Enclosed (**Appendix D**) is a copy of our most recent bank statement. We have received leadership gifts that include: \$10,000 from Janet Reingold and Philip Yasinski; \$10,000 from Ralph Drayer; \$10,000 from David Mundy; \$5,000 from the Vila B. Weber Trust; \$3,000 from Joel & Rachel Reck; \$2,500 from Todd Merolla and Joe Krulis, \$2,500 from Admiral James Perkins, and numerous contributions at \$1,000 and below.

In addition, we have received **pledges** of \$100,000 (50 percent will be donated in 2009, and 50 percent in 2010) from Marion Mundy, and a pledge of \$50,000 committed by Robert Horgan.

Importantly, we have spent very little to date, less than \$2,500. Several expenses have been paid for out of pocket by Philip Yasinski and Janet Reingold. These funds have been used to pay a portion of the annual insurance fees, nonprofit membership in the Chamber of Commerce, postage costs, and costs to reproduce Giclee prints of donated artwork that we are selling to generate revenue for the project.

We have received donated services that include:

- Pro bono services in excess of \$70,000 of **Steve Richardson, Jon Simon**, and their environmental law firm of **Van Ness Feldman**, providing guidance through the application process, assistance securing the name and the image of the Cuckolds, and counsel in issues of permitting and zoning.
- **Rob Wheeler and J. Edward Knight** provided the insurance for the island from the very beginning—the first year at no cost.
- **Janet Reingold's** Washington, DC firm, **Reingold, Inc.**, has created the Cuckolds Website. Visit **CuckoldsLight.org** to keep updated on plans, progress, and partners.
- **Joe Krulis** provides financial and treasurer assistance at no cost to the project.
- **Bruce Tindal of Tindal & Calahan** made the vacant Artisans building on Granery Way available for a community window display of the Cuckolds.

- **David Killian of NorthShore Printing** has donated all printing services for invitations, letterhead, envelopes, thank you notes, brochures, information cards, and other such collateral materials. See enclosed samples of Cuckolds collateral materials, including letterhead, note cards, event invitations, brochures, Inn partner materials, etc.

IV. ISSUES/IMPACTS OR THREATS TO THE LIGHT STATION

We have experienced NONE of the complaints, threats, or difficulties you provide as examples in your guidelines, and we do not anticipate any of this nature.

There are a few individuals (a highly vocal minority of 6 or 7 people within the community), who have spread untrue rumors, and have actively campaigned against restoration of this Light Station. Their issues are voiced as worries that our fundraising will detract from other needy causes within the community, fears of added traffic (cars at Newagen town landing or boats in the Newagen Harbor), and fears of commercial use of the restored Lighthouse (complaints that the generous offer by Scott Larson to provide housekeeping, reservation service, catering, and transportation to and from the rebuilt Lighthouse for overnight guests) might somehow generate a profit to him. In fact, he will be providing these services below his cost, estimated to be 30 percent of the total paid by guests. To date, regardless of the substantial effort we've made to spread facts instead of falsehoods, some opposition remains.

The most significant threat we have encountered to date is the permitting delays incurred as a consequence of the local government's volunteer planning board's inability to place this unique, historically significant project within the framework of their local regulations.

Today, Gerry Gamage, Ralph Spinnèy, Philip Yasinski, Steven Richardson, and Rich Baker from the Maine Department of Environmental Protection met to discuss jurisdiction. Rich Baker committed to support the restoration of the Cuckolds. However, the decision on permitting remains a local determination.

Following is a letter from the President of the Cuckolds Council to the local town planning board, prepared with assistance from our legal counsel. This letter explains the conflicts, issues, and challenges.

Mr. Ralph Spinney
Building Inspector
& Assistant Code Enforcement Officer
Town of Southport
PO Box 149
Southport, ME 04576

Re: Building Permit for the Cuckolds Fog Signal & Light Station Keeper's Quarters
and Other Historic Structures

Dear Ralph:

As you know, I am President of the Cuckolds Fog Signal and Light Station Council, a Maine Domestic Nonprofit Corporation, Charter Number 200050328ND, doing business as Cuckolds Light. In 2006, Cuckolds Light obtained transfer of Cuckolds Island Fog Signal and Light Station from the United States of America pursuant to the National Historic Lighthouse Preservation Act (NHLPA). The transfer of the deed was contingent on several covenants based on federal law and the Cuckolds Light's application, including rebuilding of the keeper's quarters and other historic structures in accordance with applicable historic preservation requirements. If these covenants are not kept, ownership of the property will revert to the United States.

Over the past months, there have been questions regarding jurisdiction based upon the location of the property and concerning approving a permit for the restoration project under the Town's Land Use Ordinance, including shoreland setback requirements implementing the State's Mandatory Shoreland Zoning Act. Some have presumed that, because the keeper's quarters structure was and would be—when reconstructed in accordance with Cuckolds Light's application approved by the federal government and the Maine State Historic Preservation Officer—located within 75 feet of the water, it is a “non-conforming” structure. I respectfully disagree, as do counsel for the Cuckolds Light, who guided us through incorporation, application for transfer and approval under the NHLPA, including drafting of all the instruments in the transaction conveying the land from the United States to Cuckolds Light. In fact, Steven Richardson and Jonathan Simon of the Van Ness Feldman law firm have reviewed the text of this letter and confirm my analysis of the law of the Town of Southport and the State of Maine.

As you know, the Town's Land Use Ordinance imposes certain restrictions on reconstruction or replacement of non-conforming structures within less than 75 feet of a water body. Specifically, the Ordinance provides:

Any non-conforming structure that is located less than
the required setback from a property line, maximum

spring tide level for salt water, the normal high-water line of a water body, tributary stream, or upland edge of a wetland and that is removed, or damaged or destroyed regardless of cause by more than fifty (50) percent of the market value of the structure before such damage, destruction or removal, may be reconstructed or replaced provided that a permit is obtained within one year of the date of said damage, destruction or removal and provided that such reconstruction or replacement is in compliance with the setback requirements to the greatest practical extent as determined by the Planning Board in accordance with the purposes of this ordinance. In no case shall a structure be reconstructed or replaced so as to increase its nonconformity.

Importantly, these restrictions are limited by their terms to “non-conforming” structures. The keeper’s quarters and other historic structures (except the fog signal building) are not “non-conforming.”

First, the Cuckolds Island Fog Signal and Light Station keeper’s quarters and certain other historic structures (except the fog signal building) were destroyed more than 30 years ago, before the adoption of either the Town Ordinance or Maine statute. Therefore, these structures are outside both the purpose and the letter of the Ordinance. In fact, because the Town’s Ordinance defines “non-conforming” structure as a structure “legally existing at the effective date of adoption of this Ordinance or an amendment to it, which thereafter fails to conform to all applicable provisions of this Ordinance,” reconstruction pursuant to the conveyance from the federal government is not barred or affected by the Ordinance.

Second, the Cuckolds Island Fog Signal and Light Station facilities are exempted from the setback requirements and are not “non-conforming” because they are a “water-dependent use” under the Maine Shoreland Zoning Act’s and Ordinance. The Town’s Ordinance specifically states that the minimum setback requirement for all structures of “75 feet from the maximum spring tidal level or upland edge of a wetland or tributary streams” “shall not apply to water-dependent uses.” Similarly, the Maine Shoreland Zoning Act contains clear statements regarding the inapplicability of the mandated setback provisions to water dependent uses. The Maine statute, 38 M.R.S.A. 439-A.4, provides: “Notwithstanding any provision in a local ordinance to the contrary, all new principal and accessory structures and substantial expansions of such structures within the shoreland zone as established by section 435 must meet the water setback requirements approved by the board, *except functionally water-dependent uses*” (emphasis supplied).

Simply stated, we can’t see any way that any lighthouse and its appurtenant structures, including its keeper’s quarters and other buildings, is not a water-

dependent use under the Act and under the Town's Ordinance. The Act that mandated shoreland setbacks, *see* 38 M.R.S.A. 436-A.6, defines "functionally water-dependent uses" to include "those uses . . . that require direct access to, or location in, coastal or inland waters and that can not be located away from these waters," including "commercial and recreational fishing and boating facilities, excluding recreational boat storage buildings, finfish and shellfish processing, fish storage and retail and wholesale marketing facilities, waterfront dock and port facilities, shipyards and boat building facilities, marinas, navigation aids, basins and channels, retaining walls, industrial uses dependent upon water-borne transportation or requiring large volumes of cooling or processing water that can not reasonably be located or operated at an inland site and uses that primarily provide general public access to coastal or inland waters." The Cuckolds Island Fog Signal and Light Station has provided an active aid to navigation since 1890 and it will continue to do so under the covenants between Cuckolds Light and the United States. It is clearly a water dependent use and the keeper's quarters and other historic structures are not required to meet minimum setbacks to be reconstructed.

Regrettably, Cuckolds Light could be in a position of potentially violating its federal covenants and risking reversion of the deed to the Light to the United States because of the position of the critics in the Town of Southport. We think the law is clear. We think Cuckolds Light is entitled to a building permit under the Town Ordinance as a water dependent use. We want to settle this disagreement amiably on Southport Island. We ask you to issue a building permit for the Cuckolds as a "water-dependent use," as provided for under the Town Ordinance and State statute.

I have copied this letter to the Town Attorney, Ms. Sally Daggett of Jensen, Baird, and Gardner & Henry in Portland. We think she will agree with our view, but I have arranged for Cuckolds Light's attorneys, Steven Richardson and Jonathan Simon of Van Ness Feldman, to be on call for any inquiries you or she might have in support of issuing a building permit in the ordinary course of business as a water dependent use.

Thanks for you time and attention.

Sincerely,

Gerry Gamage
President
Cuckolds Fog Signal and Light Station Council,
Maine Domestic Nonprofit Corporation,
Charter Number 200050328ND

V. LEGAL INVOLVEMENTS

None of the legal problems suggested in the compliance guidelines have occurred thus far. The only difficulties we have encountered are documented in Section V as described earlier. These permitting issues are the only roadblock preventing our commencement of construction.

VI. ADDITIONAL INFORMATION

"Twenty years from now you will be more disappointed by the things you didn't do than by the ones you did. So throw off the bowlines. Sail away from the safe harbor. Catch the trade winds in your sails. Explore. Dream. Discover."
--Mark Twain

For a full understanding of our plans, progress, broad community participation and partnerships, please visit: www.CuckoldsLight.org

We cannot begin to count—or properly thank—the hundreds and hundreds of individuals who have been involved in some way since we first sought to acquire the Cuckolds Fog Signal and Light Station.

However, there are four prime initiatives we would like to tell you about: the spontaneous outpouring of **support and enthusiasm on the part of the artists and galleries** within our community, the **positive coverage we have received in the media** to date; and likewise, the **enthusiastic and creative support provided by local businesses**, and our initiatives to raise funds through donor meetings, grant requests and proposals. Following are just a few examples:

Artists and Galleries

- **Ed Parker**, a prominent artist, has painted a lovely, whimsical, folk-art painting of the Cuckolds, and is donating the proceeds from the sale of the painting and the prints to the Cuckolds. **The Framers Gallery** has these prints for sale, and all proceeds go toward this rescue.
- Likewise, **Rick Dickenson** who owns **The Gallery in Boothbay Harbor** has donated his paintings of the Cuckolds, and allowed us to make prints for sale, all proceeds donated toward this rescue.
- **John Stimson** has created a beautiful hand-painted engraving of the Cuckolds Light, also donating his artwork and permissions for prints to help raise funds for this rescue.

- **Libby Rudnick**, from Philadelphia, Pa., has created a watercolor and pastels painting of the Cuckolds Lighthouse as it was at the turn of the last century, and provided permissions to reproduce this painting as prints, note cards, and other gift items.
- **Maria Boord** has given permissions to create prints of her two lovely paintings of the Cuckolds that will also be sold to support the Cuckolds rescue.
- **Lance Marburger** has painted and donated an exquisite painting of the Cuckolds as it will look when it is restored.

See photos of several paintings at: http://www.cuckoldslight.org/online_store.html

Media Coverage

We have had terrific press coverage of our efforts over the past three years. Following is a listing of some of the more notable articles:

- January 30, 2008 **Cuckolds Lighthouse "Comes Ashore" at the Maine Lighthouse Museum**
- September 6, 2007 **Boothbay Register: Group Views Progress of Cuckolds Lighthouse Restoration Project**
- August 09, 2007 **Boothbay Register: Artist Painting to Benefit Lighthouse Restoration Project**
- July 26, 2007 **Boothbay Register: Cuckolds Light Rescue is up and running** June 21, 2007 **Boothbay Register: The Cuckolds---New Book, New Efforts**
- July 6, 2006 **Boothbay Register: Southport Island Column**
- April 13, 2006 **Boothbay Register: "Cuckolds Light Returns to Greater Boothbay"**
- August 25, 2005 **Boothbay Register: Southport Island Column**
- August 19, 2005 **Southport News: Cuckolds Fog Signal Open**
- November 11, 2004 **Boothbay Register: "Regional Coalition Forms To Protect And Restore Cuckolds Light"**
- July 2002 **Lighthouse Digest Life on Cuckolds Cuckolds Profile**

See Appendix E for samples of some of our press releases, articles, and public outreach materials.

Nancy Conley, who lived at the Cuckolds for a year in 1966 as the wife of Keeper Wendell Urquhart, has been sharing her memories, news clips, and other historical information about life at the Cuckolds.

Likewise, **Wendell Urquhart**, **Rusty Court**, and about a dozen individuals have written in to share their Cuckolds memories and stories. These will be maintained in a book of memories that will be on display at the restored Cuckolds Light when construction is completed.

Support Provided by Local Businesses

In addition to the generous support from individuals and businesses described in earlier sections, we would like to draw your attention to the following notable partnerships and commitments:

- **Thirty-Two Inns, Motels, and Bed & Breakfasts** have signed on as Cuckolds Light partners, informing their guests of our efforts, and providing opportunities to help participate in the Cuckolds rescue efforts. All of these Inns and B&Bs are on our website, with links to their own sites, for reservations. Please see: http://www.cuckoldslight.org/participating_inns.html for a listing of participating Inns.
- **Terry McClinch of the Boothbay Harbor Shipyard** has committed to build two launches to help transport people to and from the Cuckolds.
- **Helen and Hamilton Meserve**, who live on Cape Island and have a front row seat overlooking the Cuckolds, have offered that **Running Battle Antiques** and their friends in the Maine Antique Dealers Association will help with furnishings after the Lighthouse is rebuilt.
- **Phil's Lobster Shop** provided \$.10 for every roll sold during much of the summer of 2007. Other restaurants and shops in the region will be encouraged to run Cuckolds Rescue specials—name sandwiches, brand products, etc.
- **Tidal Transit** has offered to provide kayaks and guides to folks who want to go out to the Cuckolds.
- **Doug Goldhirsch of Southport Island Marine** has donated an historic Coast Guard Peapod boat, and the **Carpenter's Boat Shop** in South Bristol is restoring it for use as a museum piece for the Cuckolds.
- **The Silver Lining** jewelry store and **Tony Heyl** created a Cuckolds Lighthouse charm that will be sold to benefit the Cuckolds rescue.

Fundraising and Development Program

We have been working actively to raise friends and raise funds for the Cuckolds. This entails individual meetings with philanthropists and individuals of wealth within the

community, and crafting formal grant applications and proposals to foundations. For sample funding proposals, please see **Appendix F**.

VII. PHOTOGRAPHS

Please see the photographs furnished on our website:
<http://www.cuckoldslight.org/slideshow/index.htm>

Signage. As promised in our Application, we have created and placed signage about the Cuckolds Rescue and Restoration in locations around our community—locations from which the public can view the Cuckolds. This accommodates requirements for access by the disabled, and helps to educate the community about rescue and restoration efforts. These locations include: Adjacent to the Tugboat Inn in Boothbay Harbor, at the Town Landing at Newagen on the Southern tip of Southport Island, on Squirrel Island, and at Ocean Point.

Museum Exhibition. Also, as described in Section III, (page 5 of this report), we've placed an extensive exhibit about the Cuckolds Fog Signal and Light Station at the Maine Lighthouse Museum in Rockland, and it has remained in place for more than one year. This is a detailed, historically accurate, well-illustrated museum exhibition that is now being de-installed from the Museum and re-installed at the town library on Southport Island, a public (including handicapped) access building closest to the Cuckolds itself.

See **Appendix G** for information about the signage and a photograph of the signs.

VIII. NHLPA PROGRAM ADMINISTRATION

We are grateful for the assistance and support provided by Meta Cushing of the General Services Administration, Lisa McCann and others at the National Park Service, and the Aids to Navigation Team in the South Portland Coast Guard Station. We would welcome your assistance providing influence to resolve our permitting needed to fulfill the pledge we made to the US Government to rescue, restore, and rebuild the Light Station.

IN CONCLUSION

"If you want to build a ship, then don't drum up men to gather wood, give orders, and divide the work. Rather, teach them to yearn for the far and endless sea."

- Antoine de Saint-Exupery

This venture is not simply a project to rebuild a Light Station.

We see it as an opportunity to invest in an idea, and invest in the people of this community who will make it come alive.

We see it as an opportunity to demonstrate to young people that we care deeply about them, that we value them as resources.

It is an opportunity that creates community.

It is an opportunity to create an asset that generates good works and good will that brings this community together around something we share and something of lasting value.

We thank you for this opportunity.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "Gerry Gamage", written in a cursive style.

Gerry Gamage
President

Cuckolds Fog Signal and Light Station Council,
Maine Domestic Nonprofit Corporation,
Charter Number 200050328ND



United States Department of the Interior

NATIONAL PARK SERVICE
Northeast Region
U.S. Custom House
200 Chestnut Street
Philadelphia, PA 19106-2878

IN REPLY REFER TO:

H30(4506)

August 26, 2009

Mr. Gerald Gamage, President
Cuckolds Fog Signal and Light Station Council
Box 117
Southport Island, ME 04576

Dear Mr. Gamage:

Thank you for your letter describing your difficulties in erecting the required sign on shore. While the sign at the exhibit includes the required language and reaches a large audience, there is no suggestion that this exhibit will be permanent. Since there will be visitors to the lighthouse itself, we ask that a sign be placed at the lighthouse. It can be placed inside for security purposes, or somehow be made moveable and stored inside the light and placed outside the light when visitors arrive. One lighthouse organization has made a magnetic sign that is stored inside the light and then placed on the outside by the escorting volunteers. Please include a photo of this sign with your next report, which will now be due June 18, 2010.

Please feel free to contact me at either 215-597-0651 or at lisa_mccann@nps.gov if you have any questions.

Sincerely,

Alisa McCann
Architectural Historian