United States Department of the Interior
National Park Service

NATIONAL REGISTER OF HISTORIC PLACES
REGISTRATION FORM

This form is for use in nominating or requesting determinations for individual properties and districts. See instructions in How to Complete the National Register of Historic Places Registration Form (National Register Bulletin 16A). Complete each item by marking "x" in the appropriate box or by entering the information requested. If any item does not apply to the property being documented, enter "N/A" for "not applicable." For functions, architectural classification, materials, and areas of significance, enter only categories and subcategories from the instructions. Place additional entries and narrative items on continuation sheets (NPS Form 10-900a). Use a typewriter, word processor, or computer, to complete all items.

1. Name of Property

historic name  Distin Lake Shelter Cabin

other names/site number  49SIT-361

2. Location

street & number  Admiralty Island National Monument

city or town  Angoon

state  Alaska  code  AK  county  Skagway-Yakutat-Angoon  code  231
zip code  99820
3. State/Federal Agency Certification

As the designated authority under the National Historic Preservation Act of 1986, as amended, I hereby certify that this □ nomination □ request for determination of eligibility meets the documentation standards for registering properties in the National Register of Historic Places and meets the procedural and professional requirements set forth in 36 CFR Part 60. In my opinion, the property □ meets □ does not meet the National Register Criteria. I recommend that this property be considered significant □ nationally □ statewide □ locally. ( □ See continuation sheet for additional comments.)

Signature of certifying official ________________________________ Date 10-2-95

Forest Service ___________ Federal Preservation Officer ___________

State or Federal agency and bureau ________________________________

In my opinion, the property □ meets □ does not meet the National Register criteria. ( □ See continuation sheet for additional comments.)

Signature of commenting or other official ____________________________ Date March 3, 1993

Alaska State Historic Preservation Officer ________________________________

State or Federal agency and bureau ________________________________

4. National Park Service Certification

I, hereby certify that this property is: □ entered in the National Register __ See continuation sheet. □ determined eligible for the National Register __ See continuation sheet.

□ determined not eligible for the National Register ____________________________

□ removed from the National Register ____________________________

□ other (explain): ____________

Signature of Keeper ______________________ Date of Action ______________________
Ownership of Property (Check as many boxes as apply)

- private
- public-local
- public-State
- public-Federal

Category of Property (Check only one box)

- building(s)
- district
- site
- structure
- object

Number of Resources within Property

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Number of contributing resources previously listed in the National Register 0

Name of related multiple property listing (Enter "N/A" if property is not part of a multiple property listing.)

Civilian Conservation Corps (CCC) Historic Properties in Alaska:
Admiralty Island Civilian Conservation Corps Canoe Route

6. Function or Use

Historic Functions (Enter categories from instructions)
Cat: Recreation and Culture Sub: Outdoor Recreation

Current Functions (Enter categories from instructions)
Cat: Recreation and Culture Sub: Outdoor Recreation
1. Architectural Classification (Enter categories from instructions)
   - No style

2. Materials (Enter categories from instructions)
   - foundation log
   - roof shake
   - walls log
   - other N/A

3. Narrative Description (Describe the historic and current condition of the property on one or more continuation sheets.)

   The Distin Lake Shelter Cabin is a three-sided Adirondack style log shelter cabin on the Admiralty Island Civilian Conservation Corps canoe route.

   In 1960, the Territorial Sportsmen added a fourth wall of milled 1" X 4" lumber, lapped horizontally. They also installed a wood floor, window, wood stove, and bunks in the shelter cabin. The front door is a recycled interior door from a theater, with the word BALCONY painted in black letters on the inside. A heat shield protects the wall near the small cast-iron wood stove. The single-wall stack leaves the back of the stove and bends at a right angle to exit the wall horizontally. Outside, the stack bends again, changes to multi-walled pipe, and continues vertically past the roof pitch. Simple upper and lower bunks were built against the wall opposite the added one, along with a crude table and shelves. A ladder was nailed on top of the roof to access the chimney. The original smoke vent was blocked and closed off with shakes.

   A modern woodshed, a non-contributing structure, stands a few feet to one side of the cabin. A recent rustic outhouse, a non-contributing building, stands a discreet distance into the woods, away from the lake. Its wall and roof shakes are cut twenty inches long.
8. Statement of Significance

Applicable National Register Criteria (Mark "x" in one or more boxes for the criteria qualifying the property for National Register listing)

- A Property is associated with events that have made a significant contribution to the broad patterns of our history.
- B Property is associated with the lives of persons significant in our past.
- C Property embodies the distinctive characteristics of a type, period, or method of construction or represents the work of a master, or possesses high artistic values, or represents a significant and distinguishable entity whose components lack individual distinction.
- D Property has yielded, or is likely to yield information important in prehistory or history.

Criteria Considerations (Mark "X" in all the boxes that apply.) N/A

- A owned by a religious institution or used for religious purposes.
- B removed from its original location.
- C a birthplace or a grave.
- D a cemetery.
- E a reconstructed building, object, or structure.
- F a commemorative property.
- G less than 50 years of age or achieved significance within the past 50 years.

Areas of Significance (Enter categories from instructions)

Entertainment/Recreation

Period of Significance  1933-1937

Significant Dates  1935

Significant Person (Complete if Criterion B is marked above)  N/A

Cultural Affiliation  N/A

Architect/Builder  Civilian Conservation Corps
The Distin Lake Shelter Cabin is an original 1930s shelter cabin on the Admiralty Island Civilian Conservation Corps Canoe Route. The addition of a fourth wall, floor, wood stove, and bunks in 1960 did not alter the Adirondack style of the three original walls and roof. It is, however, only nominated for its association with the canoe route and not for its architectural style. The natural setting is unchanged from its appearance during the 1930s except for the addition of a wood shed and an outhouse. The shelter cabin continues to be used for its intended purpose, as a rustic retreat on the canoe route.

9. Major Bibliographical References

(Cite the books, articles, and other sources used in preparing this form on one or more continuation sheets.)

See Multiple Property Documentation Form.

Previous documentation on file (NPS) N/A
__ preliminary determination of individual listing (36 CFR 67) has been requested.
__ previously listed in the National Register
__ previously determined eligible by the National Register
__ designated a National Historic Landmark
__ recorded by Historic American Buildings Survey #
__ recorded by Historic American Engineering Record #

Primary Location of Additional Data
__ State Historic Preservation Office
__ Other State agency
X Federal agency
__ Local government
__ University
__ Other

Name of repository: Admiralty Island National Monument, Juneau
10. Geographical Data

Acreage of Property  less than 1 acre

UTM References (Place additional UTM references on a continuation sheet)

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See continuation sheet.

Verbal Boundary Description (Describe the boundaries of the property.)

The Distin Lake Shelter Cabin has an adjacent woodshed, a lake shore staging area, an outhouse, and a trailhead, all in a circumscribed area of less than one acre in the SE 1/4 of the NW 1/4 of the NE 1/4 of Section 18, Township 49 South, Range 69 East, Copper River Meridian.

Boundary Justification (Explain why the boundaries were selected.)

The Distin Lake Shelter Cabin has an obvious localized activity area arising from its function as a temporary stopping place on a recreational canoe route. The boundary encompasses the contributing building and lake shore staging area historically associated with the site.

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**USDI/NPS NRHP Registration Form**  
49SIT-365, Distin Lake Shelter Cabin  
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