



# Aids to Navigation Team Coos Bay

**Active Duty Personnel:** 9  
**Reserve Personnel:** 1  
**Civilian Personnel:** 0

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**Established:** The aids to navigation team operates in an isolated area with limited assets and a small number of people. Even so, it played a critical role in what is seemingly becoming an annual flooding problem along the Oregon Coast. The aids to navigation team responded to numerous discrepancies caused by high water, establishing temporary buoys where structures were damaged or destroyed. Aids to navigation team Coos Bay currently has a 23-foot TANB and an 18-foot utility boat.

Cutters from D13 and D17 will be in the AOR occasionally to assist.

**Accomplished Operations:** ANT Coos Bay has temporarily removed the Classical lens from the Cape Blanco Lighthouse. BLM has contractors on site at this time renovating the cupola. Anticipate installing Classical lens mid to late May. ANT Coos Bay is in the process of replacing all rigid safety climb devices on our AtoN structures with newer up to date flexible climbing systems. We are also in the process of solarizing all remaining Commercial power aids with the exception of the Lighthouses due to unreliable commercial power in the winter months.

**What we do:** ANT Coos Bay has primary responsibility for servicing and discrepancy response for 67 lights, 60 ranges, 18 unlit buoys, one lighted buoy, 25 day beacons, 8 Small Boat Warning Signs and 4 Lighthouses between the California border and Depoe Bay Oregon. We establish 15 buoys and beacons seasonally including five structures that must be flown out to the jetties by North Bend helicopters. We also provide discrepancy response for 52 lighted buoys belonging to the USCGC Fir, home ported in Astoria, Or. (USCGC Fir has not arrived yet). USCGC Cowslip was recently decommissioned.



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