

Station Neah Bay

Active Duty Personnel: 34 Reserve Personnel: 0 Auxiliary Personnel: 0 Mailing Address: Officer-in-Charge U.S. Coast Guard Station Neah Bay P.O. Box 120 Neah Bay, WA 98357-0120 (306) 645-2237



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Established: Constructed in 1971. Coast Guard Station Neah Bay resides within the Makah Indian Reservation, approximately 65 miles west of Port Angeles, Wash. The assets consist of two 47-foot motor lifeboats, one 41-foot utility boat and a 27-foot utility boat. Other than the local community of Neah Bay. the nearest populated area is the twin town area of Sekiu/Clallam Bay fifteen miles to the east where very limited services are available. The nearest city is Forks, approximately 50 miles to the south. Station Neah Bay consists of an administrative/ barracks building, a boathouse, a gymnasium, fourteen units of family housing, and a helicopter landing-pad with fueling facilities.

What we do: Although there is no entrance bar in the station's area of responsibility, which extends from the Strait of Juan De Fuca east to Pillar Point and south to Cape Alava, the unprotected coastline can be extremely hazardous to small craft during periods of heavy weather. The station responds to approximately 100 search and rescue cases a year, mostly involving the heavy traffic of sports-fishermen and tourists **Accomplished Operations:** As part of the Coast Guard's continuing mission of protecting life and property on the water, the crew of Station Neah Bay help maintain public safety during the Makah tribe's seasonal gray whale hunt.



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over the summer months. The station's crew is also responsible for maritime law-enforcement in the area. They conduct nearly 200 safety boardings a year.

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