

NOTICE OF AVAILABILITY

NATIONAL HISTORIC LIGHTHOUSE PRESERVATION ACT OF 2000

**Offshore Halfway Rock Light Station
Casco Bay off Bailey Island Cumberland County, Maine
May 16, 2012**

The light station described on the attached sheet has been determined to be excess to the needs of the United States Coast Guard, Department of Homeland Security. Pursuant to the National Historic Lighthouse Preservation Act of 2000, 16 U.S.C. 470, (NHLPA) this historic property is being made available at no cost to eligible entities defined as Federal agencies, state and local agencies, non-profit corporations, educational agencies, or community development organizations for educational, park, recreational, cultural or historic preservation purposes.

Pursuant to Section 309 of the NHLPA, the light station will be sold if it is not transferred to a public body or non-profit organization.

Halfway Rock Light Station (1871) is located offshore on a barren ledge in Casco Bay, half-way between Cape Elizabeth and Cape Small in Cumberland County, Maine. The nearest city is South Harpswell. The light was added to the National Register of Historic Places in 1988.

Any eligible entity with an interest in acquiring the described property for a use consistent with the purposes stated above should submit a letter of interest to the address listed below within 60 (sixty) days from the date of this Notice (July 16, 2012).

Letters of interest should include:

- Name of property
- Name of eligible entity
- Point of contact, title, address, phone and email
- Non-profit agencies must provide a copy of their state-certified articles of incorporation to GSA before the end of the 60-day Notice period.

Eligible entities that submit a written letter of interest will be sent an application from the United States Department of the Interior, National Park Service (NPS) and given an opportunity to inspect the property. Building inspectors and/or contractors may accompany the applicant on the inspection. The application is due within 90 days from the date of the Federal government's scheduled site inspection.

The NPS will review the applications and may recommend a steward to receive the property. The General Services Administration (GSA) will complete the conveyance to the selected steward with a Quitclaim Deed.

**Letters of interest should be sent to:
U.S. General Services Administration
Real Property Utilization and Disposal
10 Causeway Street, Room 925
Boston, MA 02222
Attention: Meta Cushing**

**Send a copy to:
Earle G. Shettleworth, Jr.
State Historic Preservation Officer
Maine Historic Preservation Commission
55 Capitol Street Station 65
Augusta, ME 04333**

**National Historic Lighthouse Preservation Act (NHLPA)
Notice of Availability Fact Sheet Date: May 16, 2012**

GSA Control No.	1-X-ME-0674
Property Identification	Halfway Rock Light Station (“the Property”)
Address	Located offshore on a shallow two-acre rock ledge in Casco Bay, off Bailey Island in Cumberland County, Maine, half-way between Cape Elizabeth and Cape Small. The nearest town is South Harpswell, Maine 04079. Coordinates: 43° 39 '20.8" N 70° 2' 12" W
Description	 <p>Halfway Rock Light Station (1871) is an offshore, 76-foot granite tapered tower connected to a boathouse. Its iron roof is dome-shaped. The interior stairs leads into the case iron based that supports the lantern. The tower contained the keeper’s house and storage facilities. Markings are white with a black lantern.</p> <p>The boathouse is a rectangular brick building projecting from the north face of the tower. A boat slip extends from the gable end of the building.</p> <p>Located about 10 miles east of Portland Head on a two-acre rocky islet.</p>
Condition of Property	The Property is offered “AS IS” and “WHERE IS” without representation, warranty, or guarantee as to quality, quantity, title, character, condition, size or kind.
Range of Possible Uses	The Property may be used for educational, park, recreational, cultural, or historic preservation purposes.
Commercial Activities	Commercial activities are prohibited unless approved by the Secretary of the Interior.
Historical Information	Listed on the National Register of Historic Places in 1988 (NR #88000150), the Property must be maintained according to the Secretary of Interior’s Standards for Rehabilitation. Historic covenants will be incorporated into the deed.
Utilities	None
Current Tenant	American Lighthouse Foundation. Any existing lease or license will be terminated before conveyance.
Aid to Navigation (ATON)	ATON will remain the personal property of the USCG. Solar powered in 1975. The present optic is a Vega VRB-25 which flashes red every five seconds. A fog signal horn sounds twice every 30 seconds.

Photo credit Kraig Anderson

<p>Easements to be retained by the United States Coast Guard</p>	<p>1) the unrestricted right of the USCG to keep, locate, service, maintain, operate, repair and replace aids to navigation and any and all associated equipment on the Property; 2) the unrestricted right of the USCG to relocate or add any aids to navigation and any and all associated equipment or make changes on any portion of the Property as may be necessary for ATON purposes; 3) a right of access in favor of the USCG for the purpose of servicing, maintaining, locating, operating, repairing and replacing ATON and any and all associated equipment on the Property. The USCG shall have the right to enter the Property at any time with reasonable notice for the purpose of maintaining the ATON and performing other functions contemplated herein. Access shall be across any portion of the Property as necessary. Upon completion of the servicing of the ATON and any associated equipment, the Property shall at the sole cost of the USCG, subject to the availability of appropriated funds, be left as nearly as reasonably possible in the same condition as before any such work began; 4) a reservation to the USCG for the purpose of preserving an Arc of Visibility from the Property to the shoreline within the radial arc of 360 degrees true and the stipulation that nothing will be constructed, maintained or permitted of a height to interfere with or obstruct the Arc of Visibility; 5) the unrestricted right of the USCG to sound, in certain weather conditions, a fog signal horn.</p>
<p>Environmental Information</p>	<p>Due to the age of the structure, asbestos containing materials and lead-based paint may be present on the Property.</p>
<p>Notice Response Due Date</p>	<p>60 days from date of this Notice – July 16, 2012</p>
<p>Access/Inspection</p>	<p>Not open to the public. An inspection for eligible applicants will be arranged by the U.S. General Services Administration after the 60-day screening period is closed. A Waiver of Liability must be signed with GSA in advance in of the onsite inspection. Contact Meta Cushing 617-565-5823 in Boston or via email: meta.cushing@gsa.gov</p>