

**RESTORATION INFORMATION MANAGEMENT SYSTEM
FORMERLY USED DEFENSE SITES (FUDS)
PROJECT FACT SHEET
ORIGINAL DATE: DECEMBER 1996
TAG REVIEW DATE: 7 MAY 1997**

1. SITE NAME: Naval Ordnance Facility,
Bald Porcupine Island

SITE NUMBER: D01ME043900

LOCATION:

TOWN: Gouldsboro
COUNTY: Hancock
STATE: Maine

PROJECT NUMBER: D01ME043901

CATEGORY: OE

INPR RAC: 3

ASR RAC: 3 (RAC 4 recommended)

TAG RAC: 3

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3. SITE DESCRIPTION: This site is a 30 acre island about a mile east of the Village of Bar Harbor. It is owned by the National Park Service (NPS) and is included in the Acadia National Park. Bald Porcupine Island has a small rocky

shoreline, and landing a boat there is difficult in good conditions. The southeast portion (area A) is primarily steep cliffs leading directly into the water. The remainder of the island (area B) is mainly sloping forest. Sensitive plant and animals species are present, as is a potential historical site.

4. SITE HISTORY: Bald Porcupine Island was used by the Navy as a torpedo and artillery target during W.W.II. Navy aircraft dropped experimental high explosive (HE) torpedoes which impacted on the sheer cliffs on the southeast side. In addition, Navy personnel in Bar Harbor practiced firing 40mm HE rounds from a gun set up on the town pier. Local teenagers used to row over to the island after firings to retrieve fragments from both torpedoes and artillery projectiles. The site was not used after the end of W.W.II. There have been no reports of live ordnance found on the island during W.W.II or since site closure.

5. PROJECT DESCRIPTION:

Area A:	Size, Acres:	4
	Former Usage:	Torpedo Impact Area
	Present Usage:	National Park
	Probable End Usage:	Same as Above
	Ordnance Presence:	Confirmed
	Type:	Torpedo, Mk 13-series
Area B:	Size, Acres:	26
	Former Usage:	Artillery Impact Area
	Present Usage:	National Park
	Probable End Usage:	Same as Above
	Ordnance Presence:	Potential
	Type:	Cartridge, 40 MM, HE
Area C:	Size, Acres:	674
	Former Usage:	Water Torpedo Range
	Present Usage:	Recreational and Commercial Boating
	Future Usage:	Same as Above
	Ordnance Presence:	Potential
	Type:	Same as Area A
Area D:	Size, Acres:	70
	Former Usage:	Water Artillery Range
	Present Usage:	Recreational and Commercial Boating
	Future Usage:	Same as Above
	Ordnance Presence:	Potential
	Type:	Same as Area B:

6. CURRENT STATUS:

The Archives Search Report for the Naval Ordnance Facility, Bald Porcupine Island was completed by the U.S. Army Corps of Engineers, Rock Island District, in December 1996

7. STRATEGY:

Area A: EE/CA
Area B: EE/CA
Area C: No Further Action
Area D: No Further Action

8. ISSUES AND CONCERNS:

a. The TAG concurs with the recommendation for an EE/CA in Area A and Area B to include an area up to 100 yards off-shore of mean high tide from the island. Although there has been no OE reported or any fragments found since site closure, there is a possibility that sub-surface UXO is present in the forest soil. Area C and Area D are all deep water locations and are not eligible for consideration under current DERP-FUDS policy.

b. There are known Federally-and State-listed species occurring in the site area. An on-site inspection by appropriate State and Federal personnel may be necessary to verify the presence, absence or location of listed species or natural communities.

c. Coordination with the National Parks Service (NPS) must be arranged prior to disembarking on the island.

9. SCHEDULE SUMMARY: EE/CA

10. FUNDING/BUDGET SUMMARY: For Official Use Only