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The Unwrapping Begins on the Yaquina Lighthouse

Newport, Ore—Visitors to Yaquina Head Outstanding Natural Area are getting the first glimpses of Yaquina Lighthouse’s new paint job. The 95 foot tall lighthouse has been surrounded by scaffolding and wrapping since mid-October as the old paint has been scraped off and a natural cement wash is being applied.

The project has not been without challenges. Since October, a number of extreme wind events have ripped the protection wrap and then a cold snap lowered the temperatures below the threshold for applying paint. “The outcome will be worth the wait!” said Yaquina Manager Timothy Fisher. “The restoration mimics the process used 100 years ago. In theory, the paint used in combination with a cement wash will cut the need for painting the Lighthouse as frequently,” said Fisher.

The metal components will still need to be repainted every 5 to 7 years, but the brick portions of the Lighthouse will only require some light power washing and a more formal repainting once every 15 to 20 years, if the process is successful.” said Site Manager, Timothy Fisher.

It will take three more weeks, weather permitting, to completely remove the 100 plus foot tall scaffolding, touch up the paint and clean up around the base of the Lighthouse before it reopens for tours.

Yaquina Head Outstanding Natural Area is open seven days a week from 8 AM to 5 PM. during the winter. The interpretive center, tide pools and wildlife viewing remain highlights for visiting the site.

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