

DRAFT Chinese Shrimp Camp DRAFT

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Chinese Shrimp Camp, also known as CA-CCO-506H, represents the remains of a shrimp camp occupied by Chinese American fishermen from circa 1870 until circa 1912. The site is located on the eastern edge of San Francisco Bay, northeast of San Francisco. At its peak, the camp contained thirty shacks, five wharves, and ten boats. The buildings and structures have been razed, though two earthen jetties remain. Archaeological and geomorphological testing have determined that the site is covered with a significant amount of modern fill, reaching more than six feet in depth in some areas. Intact features and archaeological deposits have been identified that include information related to site typology, technology, and labor practices. Constituents include a variety of artifacts and ecofacts such as consumption containers, tableware, hardware, gaming pieces (*hak chu*), possible shrimping tackle, domestic and wild faunal remains, and other refuse. This information may usefully be compared with other, similar shrimp camp sites located within the region. The combination of data potential necessary for addressing important research questions, availability of nearby Chinese shrimp fishing camps from the same era for comparison, and depositional integrity indicate that CA-CCO-506H includes values which make it eligible for listing on the National Register.

Chinese Shrimp Camp (CA-CCO-506H) is eligible for the National Register of Historic Places at the local level under Criteria A and D in the areas of Ethnic Heritage: Asian (Chinese), Archaeology: Historic–Non-Aboriginal, Maritime History, and Industry. The site has potential to yield information that may be used to address the interrelated research themes of site typology, technology and labor practices, and community identity. Intact archaeological deposits, coupled with historic documentation, offer information related to an immigrant community providing a single service. The period of significance encompasses occupation of the camp from circa 1870 until circa 1912. The presence of other Chinese shrimp camps on San Francisco Bay offers the opportunity for comparative analysis with similar sites, providing a further avenue for potential research. As a property type associated with Chinese American labor in the fishing and processing industries, the Chinese Shrimp Camp meets the registration requirements of the *Asian Americans and Pacific Islanders in California, 1850-1970* Multiple Property Submission (MPS).