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FISH ROCK SCHOOL DISTRICT

Fish Rock or Fishing Rock as it was originally called and the school district was named for a large rock just offshore in the Pacific ocean near Anchor Bay.

Mendocino County History-1880

FISH ROCK-Approved February 28, 1866. Bounded as follows: Beginning at the mouth of the first gulch south of Peter Johnson's house, thence running east to the fork of the Gualala river, thence north three miles; thence west to the mouth of the first gulch south of William Tift's house; thence south following the coast to the place of beginning. Subsequent changes: FISH ROCK- Approved June 13, 1867; Fish Rock district extended so as to make Slick Rock gulch the northern boundary thereof.

Little information has been found on this early school; however the Record of County Superintendent C. C. Cummings, August 19, 1866, lists Fish Rock school with an attendance of 15 students and a value of $100.00.

Mendocino Beacon-County School News - January 26, 1878
Fish Rock school with one teacher has been apportioned $112.50 from the county school fund.

1880-Attendance 17 Boys 20 Girls Total 37
1883-Attendance 21 Boys 19 Girls Total 40
1887-Attendance 15
1891-Attendance 21 Boys 19 Girls Total 40

Mendocino County Book of Deeds # 61, Page 360-Nov. 27, 1882
M. Bourn to Fish Rock School District, for the sum of One Dollar in gold coin, one acre, to be used as a school site.

Trustees 1903-Mrs. C. Queen, Mrs. H. H. Tock,Mrs, James Moyles.

Teachers: Salary
1890-R. T. Stiles $50.00
1900-Geneva Lamb $50.00
1903-Elizabeth Edwards,Pearl Demaree 50.00
1904-Miss M. Louisa Burnett 50.00
1906-Lettie Wilson
1916-Carrie M. Bishop(Mrs. Max Ware)
1917-Ruth Falkner(Mrs. Irvin Roberts
Her first school.

The Fish Rock School closed about 1925.
MENDOCINO COUNTY BOUNDARY: May 1, 1883
Beginning at the NE. Cor. of Sec. 15, T. 14 N., R. 15 W., thence S. 1 mile; thence W. 1/4 mile; thence S. about 1/4 mile to a point where the middle line running E. & W. of Sec. 27, same T & R. would if extended intersect the ocean beach; thence NW. along said ocean beach to the SW. Cor. of Sec. 17, same T & R.; thence N. 4 miles, thence E. 3 miles to point of beginning.

A Mendocino County survey of schools in 1932 lists Seaside as a one-roomed elementary school for grades 1-6.

In 1946, Seaside District was annexed to Point Arena Union District.