Friends of Plum and Pilot Island (FOPPI)

2007

\* Spearheaded by Tim Sweet, the non-profit organization "The Friends of Plum and Pilot Island" is chartered to work in partnership with The United States Fish and Wildlife Service (USFWS) to restore, preserve and manage the islands' historic and cultural resources. The USFWS team graciously welcomes the volunteer organization as together they create a long-term plan for the rehabilitation and future of the islands.

Tim Sweet's story: *I came across a news article in the May 14, 1999 edition of the Milwaukee Journal-Sentinel telling about four Door County lighthouse properties the Coast Guard no longer wanted. They included Eagle Bluff, Cana Island, along with Plum and Pilot Islands.*

*There was a contact person listed from the Bureau of Land Management (BLM) named Howard Levine. Howard was based out of the BLM's Milwaukee office. I called him and found out there were several government agencies and some private individuals who were interested in Plum and Pilot. With the help of Dick Purinton's ferry ride, Howard and I arranged a meeting of about 50 individuals to visit Plum Island in August of 1999. Representatives of both the Wisconsin DNR and the US Fish and Wildlife Service were at the meeting. In the 1970s, the Bay Lakes Planning Commission had discussed the formation of a Grand Traverse Islands Interstate Park that would have been under the shared jurisdiction of Michigan and Wisconsin. That plan never got off the ground.*

*As it turned out, by 2000 the USFWS 'pulled rank' over the Wisconsin DNR and came out as the most likely agency to receive jurisdiction of Plum and Pilot Islands. Before the USFWS could claim the islands as their own, however, the US Coast Guard had to remediate contaminated soil issue on Plum Island. This dragged out until finally being completed in 2004 at a cost of $863,000.00.(This was fuel and lead paint)****1***

*There were a couple of key things that happened to get things in gear:*

*1.Steve Lenz became director of the Horicon Wildlife Refuge(2012) and he took an interest in the Green Bay National Wildlife Refuge. He brought some of his regional and national supervisors out to see the islands in person.*

*2. James Myster, regional archaeologist for the USFWS, came to Plum Island with his professor friend from Hamline University in St Paul, MN. They brought archaeology students to conduct a dig on the original lighthouse for three consecutive summers. James hired John Lauber, a historical preservation consultant, to get involved in the process.*

*3. Rip Koken got involved in grant writing and fundraising a few years ago. Rip's tenacity and intelligence made the Historic Structures Report (HSR) happen, along with the fundraising cruises and the most recent roofing projects.*

*Other volunteer leaders like Paul Schumacher, Mary Beth Volmer, Gary Wilson, Eric Greenfeldt, Jay Ward, Hoyt Purinton, etc are the people who have carried the torch and spread the word.*

*The hiring of Dustan Hoffman as a ranger to oversee the islands (along with providing him a boat) has been a key to getting things moving in the right direction for the refuge.*

*\**The Friends of Plum and Pilot Islands, Inc. is a Wisconsin non-stock corporation organized exclusively for charitable, scientific and educational purposes within the meaning of Section 501c (3) of the Internal Revenue Code, including for the purposes of restoring, maintaining and facilitating the use of the historic buildings and structures on Plum and Pilot Islands and promoting the ecological and historic resources of the islands through interpretive, scientific, educational and other activities, including visitors services, all in cooperation with the U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service.

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2008

\*Plum and Pilot Island Transfer Ceremony held on Washington Island. 175 people attend to celebrate the transfer of the Islands to United States Fish and Wildlife Service and the National Wildlife Refuge system. Visiting Dignitaries: Sec of State, Doug LaFollette, Mark Storzer-Bureau of Land Management, Charlie Wooley Fish & Wildlife Service, Rich Langan-Field Representative for Rep. Steve Kagen US House of Representatives, Patti Meyers Fish & Wildlife Service, Captain Bruce Jones-Coast Guard

\*USFWS meet with FOPPI Board members via conference call to establish building stabilization priorities.--removal of existing lead paint from the exterior of Boathouse and Life-Saving Station and repaint both.

\*USFWS engineers will assess condition of dock, pier and breakwater and get back with FOPPI with needs.

\* Washington Island Fair FOPPI Information table: Thanks to Scott and Crystal Johnson, Gloria Small, and Lou Clarke

\* Eric Greenfeldt, Butch Jess, Sandy Petersen, Allen Roberts FOPPI volunteers help crews with general cleanup. Boat transportation to Plum and Pilot: Butch Jess, Rich Schmidt, Gary Wilson, Ron Gustafson, Dale Davis, Charlie Imig, Paul Roberts, Royal Brandt.

\*Weed control and debris pickup on Plum: FOPPI volunteers: Gary & Cindy Wilson, Sadie O’Dell, Paul Roberts, Jim & Eleanor Lincoln, Don & Sue Whitney.

\*July 26, 2008- First Friends of Plum and Pilot Islands annual Meeting held in Rutledge Room of Washington Island Community Center.

\* FOPPI awarded a grant for $8500. by The National Trust for Historic Preservation from the Jeffris Family Endowed Preservation Fund, to create a Building Stabilization Fund to restore and preserve existing historic structures on Plum and Pilot islands. This is a matching funds grant. Phase Two of this plan is the lead paint abatement and repainting of the boathouse.

\*Phase I of the Building Stabilization plan put into effect. FOPPI hires Martin Andersen and crew of Washington Island to repair north side of Pilot Island Lighthouse roof and also repair damaged parts of the roof on Plum Island Life-Saving Station.

\* FOPPI volunteers board up windows, clear brush from walkways and remove accumulated trash. 120 pounds of trash collected and transported out on Gary and Cindy Wilson's boat 'Summer Wind'.

\*As of September 1, 2008 the Friends of Plum and Pilot Islands are pleased to announce that we have 257 members.

2009

\*Jay Ward drafts the Plum Island Boathouse painting bid Proposal.

\*February Board meeting held on Washington Island. USFWS Sadie O'dell explained something her agency refers to as “The Big 6” – these are public use activities focusing on environmental education, environmental interpretation, fishing, hunting, photography, and wildlife observation. In the special case of Plum and Pilot Islands, it may also be stretched to include cultural resources related to maritime history. USFWS will hold two public forums to discuss the future of the Green Bay Wildlife Refuge and development of a "Comprehensive Conservation Plan (CCP).

\*FOPPI Annual Membership meeting held at Community Center on Washington Island July 2th.

\*Sandy Petersen’s Door Islands Bird Festival included two trips to Plum Island thanks to Gary and Cindy Wilson and their boat Summer Wind. Birders were appreciative of having the opportunity to be among the first members of the public to visit the Green Bay National Wildlife Refuge while having a chance to search the trees for their fine-feathered friends.

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\*Phase I of the Building Stabilization Plan put into effect. FOPPI volunteers install decking materials and repair Plum Island pier. Randy Holm, Bill Kreiger, Brennan Kreiger, Allen Roberts, Chris Anderson, Howard Schmidt, Wendy Beilfus, and Gary Luedke replaced rotten timbers on Plum Island dock.

\*Martin Andersen, a Washington Island contractor, and his crew from Washington Island were able to finish roofing the south side of the Pilot Island Lighthouse in April.

\*On August 6th, FOPPI volunteer Gary Wilson provided transportation from Rock Island to Plum Island aboard his boat Summer Wind for 8 Girl Scouts who live in Milwaukee and Chicago area. Gary taught the girls the importance of boating safety and ethics before departing from the pier.

\* Gary Wilson awarded Volunteer of the Year by USFWS and FOPPI Board members.

\*Gary Wilson represented FOPPI at the National Friends Conference in Washington DC.

2010

\* The Boathouse, Life-saving station, Paint shed, Keeper's dwelling, and Fog Signal Building, the structures of the Pier, and Breakwater, Flagpole, Radio Tower and Rear and Front Range Lights on Plum Island are included in the National Register of Historic Places. The nomination approval process, made possible by the extensive work of Sarah Zaske, took three years.

\* Phase II of the Building Stabilization Plan is put into effect and boathouse restoration begins paid for by FOPPI and USFWS.

\* Using the specifications outlined by the National Park Service, Jeff Hagen and his crew of Washington Island use hand-held spray bottles to dampen workable areas with water and then scrape off the old lead paint on the Boathouse. A temporary platform is built along the west side of the boathouse to facilitate work and protect the lake environment during the renovation process. The chips are captured on a tarp, collected and stored in a drum-type barrel for proper EPA disposal along with the wash water used in the process.The building is then hand-washed with a cleaning solution and let dry before applying an oil-based primer and two finish coats. Boathouse window sashes are taken down, putty and panes removed, the wood is wet-sanded, primed, painted and the sashes are re-glazed before being remounted.

\* October 2010: Completion of the Plum Island Boathouse painting and restoration project paid for by Friends of Plum and Pilot Island and USFWS. FOPPI hopes the Boathouse will serve as a future visitor's center for the Green Bay National Wildlife Refuge.

\* FOPPI Annual Membership Meeting held on Plum Island July 31, 2010

\* For the first time in the Door County Lighthouse Festival history a tour was made available which allowed visitors on Plum Island. FOPPI volunteers escorted the guests on guided tours for the 17th annual Door County Lighthouse Festival (56 people visit Plum Island.)

\* The Wisconsin Humanities Council awards a $10,000.00 grant for the “Legacy of Plum and Pilot Islands” project Matt Foss and Dan Nilsson submitted. The project involves collecting primary and secondary sources to develop a history of Plum and Pilot Islands. The history will be compiled into a school curriculum for local Washington Island students,

\* Matt Foss, a member of FOPPI speaks at Washington Island's Trinity Lutheran Church. Dan Nilsson (FOPPI member) facilitated the program. It was the first public forum on the " Legacy of Plum and Pilot Islands." (150 people attended.) It was sponsored by the Wisconsin Council for the Humanities Grant and the Friends of Plum and Pilot Islands.

\*The Boathouse is submitted as a candidate for the National Trust for Historic Preservation's "This Place Matters". The Boathouse comes in second with 12.8% of vote.

\* Dan Nilsson awarded Green Bay National Wildlife refuge Volunteer of the Year by USFWS and FOPPI Board.

2011

\*2nd Public forum held at Trinity Lutheran Church on Washington Island as part of the Wisconsin Humanities Council grant and sponsored by FOPPI. Speaker, Frederick Stonehouse highlights the history of the Great Lakes Islands and the Legacy of Plum and Pilot Islands. (about 100 people attended)

\* On February 22nd FOPPI Board Member, Dan Olson, accompanied Sadie O’Dell and Patti Meyers (USFWS) on a visit to the Two Rivers Coast Guard station. The Two Rivers station handles the aids to navigation on Plum and Pilot Islands and search and rescue on the Great Lakes.

\* Matt Foss and Dan Nilsson share the history of Plum and Pilot Islands with Washington Island students and create a partnership with the Washington Island School system to incorporate some of those findings into their social studies curriculum. A field trip to Plum Island was included..

\* Mike Kahr of Death's Door Marine installs bridge that links the old pier to the shoreline on Pilot Island.

\* Gail Toerpe receives award from FOPPI for the publicity her newspaper, Washington Island Observer, has provided FOPPI.

\* Matt Foss receives award from FOPPI for helping preserve the "Legacy of Plum and Pilot Islands".

\*July 23, 2011 FOPPI Annual Membership meeting held on Plum Island.

\* FOPPI Board members and USNFWS selected Mary Beth Volmer as volunteer of the year for the Green Bay National Wildlife Refuge.

\* Gary Wilson and Tim Sweet transported and escorted Girl scouts from SE Wisconsin and Northern Illinois to Plum Island. Girl Scouts helped plan the construction of an interpretive trail.

\*18th Annual Door County Lighthouse Festival. FOPPI volunteers lead guided tours.

\*Door County artist, Kathy Meader, gives gift of Plum Island watercolor print to Friends of Plum and Pilot Islands. FOPPI professionally reproduced a limited series of prints to raise money for Plum and Pilot Islands.

\* A record size Hemlock tree for Door County was identified on Plum Island by Dick Purinton, Roy and Charlotte Lukes, Steve Waldron and Tim Sweet.

2012

\*Wisconsin Historical Society granted permission for Plum Island Life-saving Station restoration to go forward.

\*19th annual Door County Lighthouse Festival. FOPPI volunteers guided visitors.

\* Coast Guard program on living and working on Plum Island at Trueblood Performing Arts Center on Washington Island.

\*FOPPI Annual Membership meeting July 28, 2012. A reunion of 13 retired Coast Guard were honored.

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\* Tim Windingstad was presented Green Bay National Wildlife Refuge Volunteer of the Year by FOPPI and USFWS.

\*Transportation to Plum Island made possible by Gary Wilson, Jim Robinson, Lew Clarke, and Hoyt Purinton.

\* Front porch of Plum Island Life Saving Station stabilized.

\* FOPPI volunteers removed debris from the roofing restoration of the Lighthouse on Pilot Island.

\* Trail work, invasive species control and buttoning up buildings for the winter were part of FOPPI's duties.

\*Mary Beth Volmer attended the 5th annual USFWS National conservation training in Shepherdstown, WV.

\* FOPPI and USFWS reviewed the Comprehensive Conservation Plan developed by USFWS and prepare comments.

\* Open house at the Washington Island Community Center to discuss Comprehensive Conservation Plan (CCP) developed by USFWS for the Islands in the Great Lakes. This plan will set wildlife, habitat, and public use priorities and guide management activities for the next 15 years.

FOPPI volunteers Paul Schumacher, Tim Windingstad, Howard Schmidt, Pete LeMere, Mary Beth Volmer and Manny Chavez cleared fallen logs and debris from the western side of the 117 year old Patrol Trail.

\* FOPPI Board increases Membership rates. The new rates will be: $25 Individual (initial cost, $20 for renewal); $30 Family – 2 or more people (initial cost, $25 for renewal); $50 Patron; $100 Keeper; $1,000 Benefactor / Lifetime

2013

\* 19 FOPPI volunteers helped with the workday on Plum Island.

-Paul Schumacher, Mike Kickbush, Simon Leverett, and Mark Replogie evaluated the historic structures for immediate preservation needs.

-Susan Whitney worked to control invasive species Spotted Knapweed.

- Mary Beth Volmer, Kristin Pitak, Karen Ellery, Margie Frank and Ralph and Bev Laurell cleared the area of the original lighthouse site in preparation for the arrival in June of the archaeological students from Hamline University.

-Scott and Kirsten Talmadge, Dave Sherman, and Dan Westbrook cleared trails to the rear Range Light, the trail between the range lights and part of the trail from rear Range Light to Fog Signal Building.

\*FOPPI Women In Preservation born.

\* FOPPI hires Jeff McDonald to remove and replace the porch on the north side of the Life-Saving Station. The bid is $28,700.00. Work was begun but due to bad weather won't be completed until 2014.

\*FOPPI Women in Preservation measure, cut, paint and apply new window covering on Life-saving Station and construct kiosk to display Plum Island and FOPPI information.

\*20th Annual Door County Lighthouse Festival. FOPPI volunteers serve as docents.

 \* The Friends of Plum and Pilot Islands were recently awarded a $4250. capacity building grant from the National Fish & Wildlife Foundation (NFWF) and National Environmental Education Foundation (NEEF) providing funds to work with consultant David Allen to develop strategic and fundraising plan for next 5 yrs. Thanks to Paul Schumacher and Mary Beth Volmer for their diligent effort in writing and spearheading this initiative.

\*Wisconsin Coastal Management Council grant provided funds to FOPPI to do in-depth analysis of waterside structures. The grant will cover $4250 engineering analysis cost and FOPPI will provide volunteer hours to match. The USFWS Comprehensive Conservation Plan (CCP) requires an evaluation of waterside structures to ensure public safety when the USFWS opens Plum Island to visitors. The plan entails evaluation of the breakwater, pier, connecting walkway and boathouse supports. FOPPI will be working with Mike Kahr, PE of

\* Paul Schumacher, FOPPI member, and his team, have begun the analysis and will be working with Death’s Door Marine to assess the waterside structures, prepare drawings and a report to identify the current condition of existing structures.

\* FOPPI Board members and U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service personnel met with strategic planning consultant, David Allen, in Clintonville, WI, on April 27-28, 2013.

\*FOPPI Annual Membership meeting held July 27, 2013 on Plum Island.

\*FOPPI members man booth at Washington Island fair.

\*Paul Schumacher selected Green Bay National Wildlife Refuge Volunteer of the Year by USFWS and FOPPI Board Members. Lew Clarke and Mike Kickbush received recognition from FOPPI for their outstanding volunteering.

2014

\* FOPPI and USFWS review Comprehensive Conservation Report plan and drawings and make comments to Death's Door Marine and Mike Kahr.

\*FOPPI Board meets in February on Washington Island and approves the USFWS Comprehensive Conservation Report and strategic plan. It will take $13,000 to repair the dock, $28,000 to fund the Historic Structures Report (HSR) and $23,500 to replace the windows in the Life-saving Station tower and to fix the porch roof.

\*The engineering evaluation of the "Pier and Water related structures on Plum Island" revealed that before the Island can be opened to the public: • Add safety railing between pier and boathouse to protect visitors from open area between pier and boathouse. • Add safety railing to end of pier to keep visitors from walking on last 10-20 feet of pier which is not properly supported. • Add barrier and signage to catwalk to west breakwall to prevent visitors from walking on unsafe decking on catwalk and west breakwall. • Add signage to west breakwall to prohibit boats from discharging passengers onto west breakwall. • Replace pier boards as needed and add cleats to pier to improve boat tie-off.

\*FOPPI Women in Preservation constructed 15 memorial Leopold benches to be placed around Plum Island, added protective coverings to stabilize the windows on the Life-saving building, planted pollinator gardens, and built panels for the information kiosk.

\* Rip Koken spent over 200 hours writing and submitting a grant to National Park Service requesting $62,232. in federal funds for development of Historic Structures Report (HSR) which would cover the Boathouse, Life-saving Station, Paint shed, Fog Signal Building.

Keeper's Building and to replace old deteriorated cribs on end of Plum Island pier. We did not receive the grant.

\*May 17 saw 13 intrepid FOPPI volunteers clean from boathouse to the range light and a whole trail in-between and mowed a trail around the island for summer visitors looking for a hike.

\*FOPPI Women in Preservation worked with Wisconsin State Historical archaeologists to document the Grapeshot Shipwreck and participated in USFWS Monarch count.

\*August 16, 2014 first time Plum Island open to the public. August 23 will be the only other day Plum Island will be open to public for the year.

\*Trails were blazed with a brush mower from the Life-Saving Station, around the Dwarf Lake Iris patches, all the way to the Rear Range Light.  An archaeological site sign was erected near the ruins of the old lighthouse.  Brush was cleared between the range lights.  Blaze orange panels were screwed into areas on the dock that were trip hazards.  Barricades were put up and secured on the dock to block off unsafe areas.  Signs were attached to the break wall informing boaters not to park along this unsafe area.  Cleats were installed on the dock.  A boot brush was built to help prevent the spread of invasive species.

\* According to the USFWS, Plum Island will be open to day-use by the public in 2015 from Memorial Day weekend through Labor Day. Kayakers may access the island by landing at the designated area next to the pier by the boathouse. Thanks to FOPPI for clearing trails and weeds and cleaning debris.

\*Tim Windingstad Chosen Volunteer of the Year for Green Bay Wildlife Refuge by USFWS and FOPPI Board Members.

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*2015*

*\**FOPPI did basic repairs to the summer kitchen, main building fascia and put plywood on two basement doors on the Lighthouse on Pilot Island.

\*Restoration of Plum Island Dock.

\*FOPPI volunteers and USFWS paint boards and rafters for the front porch of the Life-saving Station on Plum Island.

\*FOPPI volunteers lead Door County Hiking Club on trek around Plum Island and provide historic interpretation of buildings and structures.

\* Underwater Archaeologist Tamera Thomsen of the Wisconsin Historical Society and FOPPI WIP survey wreck of the Grape Shot which will result in placement of a Maritime Marker on the shoreline of Plum Island. Research collected will also lead to the creation of a National Register of Historic places nomination for 2016.

\*22nd annual Door County Lighthouse Festival. FOPPI volunteers spoke of history and led tours on Plum Island.

\* Dusty Hoffman, full-time employee, was hired by USFWS who will be overseeing seven Lake Michigan islands under the jurisdiction of the Service. His focus will be on Plum Island. He will be “commuting” to his job from Washington Island over the water in a new 23-foot stainless steel Munson boat, similar to the type of craft used by the park staff on Rock Island.

\* Saturday, May 23rd: FOPPI and USFWS guide a group on Plum Island. The hike focused on the natural beauty of this part of the Green Bay National Wildlife Refuge.

\* Saturday, June 6th: FOPPI Board of Directors members, Paul Schumacher and Mary Beth Volmer lead a group from the Wisconsin Marine Historical Society on a (private) guided tour of Plum Island.

 \*Plum Island is currently open during daylight hours through Labor Day to kayakers who land on the beach near the dock.  Boaters who moor offshore and row a dinghy to the same landing area may also access the island. Thanks to the concerted efforts of FOPPI.

\*Life-Saving Station Porch Roof is fixed thanks to concerted effort by Paul Schumacher and FOPPI volunteers.

\*Annual FOPPI Membership meeting held July 25th on Plum Island. Visitors’ Services Director of the Horicon National Wildlife Refuge, Erin Railsback, recognized FOPPI members Scott Nelson and Hoyt Purinton for their outstanding volunteer contributions to the organization.

\*Scott Nelson awarded Volunteer of the Year for the Green Bay Wildlife Refuge by USFWS and FOPPI Board.

2016

\* 23rd Annual Lighthouse Festival on Plum Island. FOPPI volunteers serve as tour guides.

\*The first annual Friends of Plum and Pilot Islands (FOPPI) sunset cruise through Death’s Door was held Saturday, July 16th, 2016.  A total of 71 passengers, crew, and volunteers were on board the Island Clipper. The cruise raised $6000 to be used toward Plum and Pilot Island projects. A special thanks goes out to Charlie Voight who donated the use of his boat, and to Bob Atwell of Nicolet Bank for the contribution that covered the cost of the food and beverages.

\*On October 19, 2016, a group of FOPPI volunteers joined Ranger Dusty Hoffman to remove and salvage the decking from the end of the pier on Plum Island.

\*[Plum Island Pier, Breakwall, and Ferry Landing Work Completed!](http://www.plumandpilot.org/blog/plum-island-pier-breakwall-and-ferry-landing-work-completed) Paid for by FOPPI.

\*Jim Schwartz, Tim Sweet, and Dusty Hoffman clear trails and pick up trash on the beach.

\*FOPPI Annual Membership meeting held July 23, 2016 on Plum Island.

\*Rip Koken was selected by USFWS and FOPPI Board as Volunteer of the Year for the Green Bay Wildlife Refuge.

\*On October 26, 2015, FOPPI, in conjunction with the US Fish and Wildlife Service (USFWS), submitted a grant application to the Wisconsin Coastal Management Program. The grant request was to develop a Historic Structures Report (HSR) for Plum and Pilot Islands. The request total was for a little over $52,000. The importance of a published HSR will provide the basis for restoration and preservation of the historical structures on Plum and Pilot Islands and establish a long term programmatic agreement with the Wisconsin State Historic Preservation Office (SHPO). A SHPO approved HSR will identify a significant historical period, which all future preservation activities and plans will be based upon. The HSR is critical to saving the facilities on both islands. Paul Schumacher pitched FOPPI's case and the grant will be awarded to FOPPI.

\*Karen Ellery (FOPPI Secretary) attends USFWS training event in WV, "Moving Friends Forward".

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\*FOPPI volunteers help close up Plum Island for the winter and assure that the buildings are secured. They include grounds maintenance, citizen science observations, beach and trail patrol in the activities.

2017

\*The FOPPI Women in Preservation place the benches and boot brush stands on the trails and clean the boathouse.

\*24th Annual Lighthouse Festival. FOPPI volunteers serve as guides.

\*2nd Annual FOPPI Sunset Cruise raised $5000 to be used toward restoration projects on Plum and Pilot Islands.

\*FOPPI Annual Membership meeting on Plum Island July 29, 2017.

\*Paul Schumacher and Rip Koken share Volunteer of the Year award for the Green Bay Wildlife Refuge

\* Ken Czapski, our preservation architect, submitted the nearly finalized draft of the historic structures report for Plum and Pilot Islands. A group met with him on May 24th to go over the excellent work he prepared in partnership with historic consultant John Lauber. The document will guide restoration work on the islands. Hang onto your hats, but the estimated cost to bring these maritime treasures back to glory is nearly $7,000,000. We are addressing the most urgent needs with the roof of the Plum Island Life-Saving Station scheduled for replacement this summer thanks to the USFWS.

\*HSR (Historic Structures Report) completed, paid for by FOPPI funds.

\*FOPPI funds of $32,000 pay for a new roof on the Plum Island Lighthouse Keepers’ Dwelling. Chewy Jaqregui and crew from Baileys Harbor were approved by FOPPI board and finished the job in October.

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