

Humboldt County 023

Site #: 023-204

Name: Gold Bluffs

Directions to Access Point A: From U.S. Highway 101, turn west on Davison Rd., north of Orick, and enter the State Park.

Description: This vast area is primarily used by tourists passing through during the summer months. The majority of fishing effort occurs at the Gold Bluffs campground. A fee is charged to enter the park. By properly identifying yourself with park personnel the fees are avoided. Low effort is most likely due to this site being 5-7 miles off the 101 on a dirt road. During the winter the road can become closed by the Park Service due to flooding and mudslides. Be cautious and use good judgment before driving across standing water and creeks. The salt water cutoff for Redwood Creek is $\frac{1}{4}$ of the way from the mouth to the 101 bridge.

Boundary North: Del Norte County border

Boundary South: The north bank of Redwood Creek

Available Modes: Beach and Bank (BB)

Cluster: BB6, Subsite G

Activity: This site is used by surfperch anglers that usually target redbait surfperch. Fishing effort is highest in the summer, but effort can be seen year round. Commercial surfperch fishermen can drive out on the beach to fish.

Common Fish Species: Surfperch

Site #: 023-205

Name: Freshwater Lagoon

Directions to Access Point A: From U.S. Highway 101, pull off the highway at the National Park visitor center just south of Orick.

Directions to Access Point B: From U.S. Highway 101, pull off the highway at the day use turnout along the ocean side of Freshwater Lagoon, just south of Orick.

Description: At this site you are to sample the Freshwater Lagoon shoreline only. Do not sample anglers fishing in the lagoon. The ocean is unpredictable at this site and sleeper waves have been known to drown people on the beach. Use caution when approaching anglers near the waters edge. It may be best to wait for anglers to finish fishing then interview them away from the waves where it is safe. The salt water cutoff for Redwood Creek is $\frac{1}{4}$ of the way from the mouth to the 101 bridge.

Boundary North: Redwood Creek

Boundary South: Sharp Point

Available Modes: Beach and Bank (BB)

Cluster: BB6, Subsite F

Activity: This site is used by surfperch anglers that usually target redbay surfperch. Effort is highest in the summer, but effort can be seen year round.

Common Fish Species: Surfperch

Site #: 023-114

Name: Stone Lagoon

Directions to Access Point A: From U.S. Highway 101, turn west onto Stone Lagoon Rd. approximately ¼ mile south of the Freshwater Lagoon turnout.

Description: At this site you are to sample the Stone Lagoon shoreline only. Do not sample anglers fishing in the lagoon. The ocean is unpredictable at this site and sleeper waves have been known to drown people on the beach. Use caution when approaching anglers near the waters edge.

Boundary North:

Boundary South:

Available Modes: Beach and Bank (BB)

Cluster: BB6, Subsite E

Activity: This site is used by surfperch anglers that usually target redbait surfperch.

Common Fish Species: Surfperch

Site #: 023-222

Name: Dry Lagoon

Directions to Access Point A: From U.S. Highway 101, turn west onto Dry Lagoon Park Rd. and follow the road until it ends at the parking lot.

Description: At this site you are to sample the Dry Lagoon shoreline only. Do not sample anglers fishing in the lagoon. The ocean is unpredictable at this site and sleeper waves have been known to drown people on the beach. Use caution when approaching anglers near the waters edge.

Boundary North:

Boundary South:

Available Modes: Beach and Bank (BB)

Cluster: BB6, Subsite D

Activity: This site is used by surfperch anglers.

Common Fish Species: Surfperch

Site #: 023-115

Name: Big Lagoon

Directions to Access Point A: From U.S. Highway 101, drive to the north side of the lagoon where there is a short sideroad on the west side of the 101. The sideroad is about a mile south of the Dry Lagoon Park Rd.

Description: Park near the end of the road where it has fallen into disrepair. A small muddy trail goes down to the ocean spit, but it is dangerous and should not be attempted. Wait for anglers to finish fishing at the parking area. At this site you are to sample the Big Lagoon shoreline only. Do not sample anglers fishing in the lagoon. The ocean is unpredictable at this site and sleeper waves have been known to drown people on the beach. Use caution when approaching anglers near the waters edge.

Boundary North:

Boundary South:

Available Modes: Beach and Bank (BB)

Cluster: BB6, Subsite C

Activity: This site is used by surfperch anglers.

Common Fish Species: Surfperch

Site #: 023-230

Name: Big Lagoon Bar

Directions to Access Point A: From U.S. Highway 101, turn west onto Big Lagoon County Park Rd. and follow the signs to the day use area and capground.

Description: At this site you are to sample the Big Lagoon shoreline only. Do not sample anglers fishing in the lagoon. The ocean is unpredictable at this site and sleeper waves have been known to drown people on the beach. Use caution when approaching anglers near the waters edge. A fee is charged to enter the park. By properly identifying yourself with park personnel the fees are avoided.

Boundary North:

Boundary South: South end of Agate Beach

Available Modes: Beach and Bank (BB)

Cluster: BB6, Subsite B

Activity: This site is used by surfperch anglers.

Common Fish Species: Surfperch

Site #: 023-206

Name: Patrick's Point

Directions to Access Point A: From U.S. Highway 101, take the Patrick's Point Dr. exit and travel south on Patrick's Point Dr. and then turn west into Patrick's Point State Park.

Description: This site is primarily used by tourists during the summer months. The majority of fishing effort occurs at the Palmers Pt. campground and at Wedding Rock. A fee is charged to enter the park. By properly identifying yourself with park personnel the fees are usually avoided. The south end of Agate Beach (23-230) is visible from the bluff at the Agate Beach campground.

Boundary North: Agate Beach

Boundary South: South end of Patrick's Point State Park

Available Modes: Beach and Bank (BB)

Cluster: BB6, Subsite A

Activity: This site is used by rockfish, greenling, lingcod, and surfperch anglers. Abalone diving also occurs here.

Common Fish Species: Rockfish, lingcod, greenlings, and surfperch

Site #: 023-223

Name: College Cove

Directions to Access Point A: From U.S. Highway 101, take the Trinidad exit (#728) and turn west onto Main Street. Then turn south on Trinity St. and west on Edwards St. Follow Edwards St. down the hill and park at the Trinidad Head parking lot.

Directions to Access Point B: From U.S. Highway 101, take the Trinidad exit (#728) and turn west onto Main Street. Turn North on Stagecoach Rd. and watch for the sign marking the entrance to Trinidad State Beach at College Cove and Elk Head. Turn west into the park and park near the trailhead.

Description: This site includes Trinidad State Beach and College Cove north of Trinidad. The majority of fishing effort occurs at Trinidad State Beach at the north end of the Trinidad Harbor parking lot. Fishing effort also occurs at the sandy beach accessed by the main trail at College Cove. Fishing effort at College Cove can be determined with binoculars from on top of the bluff along the main trail. At the north end of the trail, a rocky shoreline is accessible to anglers usually at low tide.

Boundary North: Megwil Point

Boundary South: Trinidad Head lighthouse

Available Modes: Beach and Bank (BB)

Cluster: BB5, Subsite E

Activity: This site is used by rockfish, greenling, lingcod, and surfperch anglers. Abalone diving is also a possible activity.

Common Fish Species: Rockfish, greenling, lingcod, and surfperch

Site #: 023-102

Name: Trinidad Harbor

Directions to Access Point A: From U.S. Highway 101, take the Trinidad exit (#728) and turn west onto Main Street. Then turn south on Trinity St. and west on Edwards St. Follow Edwards St. down the hill and park at the Trinidad Harbor parking lot.

Description: Trinidad Harbor consists of the boat hoist launch ramp and the adjacent beach where boats also launch. Beginning in the spring and ending in winter, depending on demand, a boat launching service is offered to anglers. Anglers may launch their own boats on the beach if they do not want to pay for the launch service. Both types of boat launching are sampled during a PR assignment. The hoist launch can only bring in one boat at a time, while the beach can have many boats coming and going at once. Hoist personnel ask that sampling does not occur while a boat is on or under the hoist, so that they can continue to provide their services in a timely manner. Samplers must request that anglers pull their boats out from under the hoist in order to obtain the sample. While anglers are waiting for their boat to be trailered it is an opportune time to start the interview. Fishing effort remains high until the end of the summer when effort decreases. In winter a few boats go out from the harbor primarily for crab.

Boundary North: Trinidad Pier

Boundary South: Rocks at historical lighthouse

Available Modes: Beach and Bank (BB) and Private/Rental (PR1 & 2)

Cluster: EUR5 Subsite B and BB5, Subsite D

Activity: Fishing in PR mode is most prevalent. Beach anglers are seldom seen.

Common Fish Species: Rockfish, greenling, lingcod, salmon, albacore, halibut, and surfperch

Site #: 023-307

Name: Trinidad Pier

Directions to Access Point A: From U.S. Highway 101, take the Trinidad exit (#728) and turn west onto Main Street. Then turn south on Trinity St. and west on Edwards St. Follow Edwards St. down the hill and park at the Trinidad Harbor parking lot.

Description: This site consists of only the pier. The primary mode on the pier is Man-Made, but in the spring and summer when bottomfishing and salmon seasons are open there is a lot of PR and PC effort as well. A bait shop at the insertion of the pier sells moorings in Trinidad Bay and books trips for the CPFVs. Anglers with moorings land their catch via a water taxi. A small floating dock is installed under the main pier for boat loading and unloading. Trinidad Personnel ask that catch sampling only occurs on the main pier after anglers have climbed the stairs from the floating dock. The sampler must determine how many anglers form how many boats arrive at the pier from the water taxi to avoid missing boats. Occasionally anglers will be launched from the hoist but will land their catch on the pier to be cleaned. Since that boat is not on a mooring the angler and the catch is not part of the Pier sample.

Boundary North: Pier Railing

Boundary South: Pier Railing

Available Modes: Man-Made (MM), Private Charter (PC), and Private/Rental (PR1 & 2)

Cluster: EUR5 Subsite A

Activity: The primary mode on the pier is Man-Made, but PR effort can be high and CPFVs can make multiple trips in one day.

Common Fish Species: Rockfish, greenling, lingcod, salmon, albacore, halibut, and surfperch

Site #: 023-208

Name: Cap Rock

Directions to Access Point A: From U.S. Highway 101, take the Westhaven Dr. exit (#726A) and turn west. Turn south on Scenic Dr. and then west on Moonstone Beach Rd. where there is a parking lot at the bottom of the hill.

Directions to Access Point B: From U.S. Highway 101, take the Westhaven Dr. exit (#726A) and turn west. Turn north on Scenic Dr. and pull off the road at the turnout for Houda Pt./Camel Rock.

Directions to Access Point C: From U.S. Highway 101, take the Westhaven Dr. exit (#726A) and turn west. Turn north on Scenic Dr. and pull off the road at the turnout for Luffenholtz Park.

Directions to Access Point D: From U.S. Highway 101, take the Trinidad exit (#728) and turn west onto Main Street. Turn South on Scenic Dr. and use the many small turnouts to park along the roadside.

Description: The Cap Rock site consists of Moonstone Beach and a series of rocky cliffs that allow access to the ocean by small steep trails. In 2005, a large section of Scenic Dr. slid into the ocean making it necessary to sample this site from the north and south. Most fishing effort occurs at access points A and B due to ease of access. However, effort also occurs at numerous obscure points along Scenic Dr. Due to the inaccessibility of trails leading to these access points, it is necessary for the sampler to use binoculars from the bluff while sampling. Always use good judgment before driving down the one lane sections of Scenic Dr. and when parking on the side of the road.

Boundary North: Trinidad Harbor

Boundary South: Little River

Available Modes: Beach and Bank (BB)

Cluster: BB5, Subsite C

Activity: Anglers are rarely seen at this site.

Common Fish Species:

Site #: 023-200

Name: Clam Beach

Directions to Access Point A: From U.S. Highway 101, exit on North Central Ave. (#723) and turn west under the overpass in order to reach the Clam Beach County Park parking lot.

Directions to Access Point B: From U.S. Highway 101, exit on Crannell Rd (#725) and proceed along the west side of the 101 where parking is available at multiple turnouts and parking lots.

Directions to Access Point C: When traveling south on U.S. Highway 101, exit at the Vista Point just north of the Arcata/Eureka Airport exit. This point is only accessible from 101 south.

Description: Clam Beach is a long beach that is open to vehicle traffic during some months of the year. Clamming is the most popular activity on the beach, but surfperch fishing also occurs occasionally. Most anglers will either drive onto the beach and fish or walk out from the campground. During low effort times it may help to use the bluff at the Vista Point to scan the beach for anglers.

Boundary North: Little River

Boundary South: Mad River

Available Modes: Beach and Bank (BB)

Cluster: BB5, Subsite B

Activity: Surfperch fishing and clamming.

Common Fish Species: Surfperch

Site #: 023-310

Name: Mad River

Directions to Access Point A: From U.S. Highway 101, take the Guintoli Lane exit and turn west onto Janes Rd. Turn north on Heindon Rd. and then west on Miller Ln. which will become Mad River Rd. Parking is available at the Hammond Trail Bridge turnout.

Directions to Access Point B: From U.S. Highway 101, take the Guintoli Lane exit and turn west onto Janes Rd. Turn north on Heindon Rd. and then west on Miller Ln. which will become Mad River Rd. Parking is available at the Mad River County Park boat launch parking lot or the beach parking lot.

Description: Fishing at this site occurs most at the Mad River County Park boat launch parking lot and the Mad River Beach. Boat trailers at this site are usually for drift boats that put in upstream at the Mad River Hatchery and take out at the Mad River County Park boat launch. Drift boat anglers should be interviewed for only the portion of their trip that occurred in the saltwater influenced portion of the river, downstream of the Hammond Trail Bridge. Surfperch anglers on the beach should be canvassed to determine if they are commercial fishing or recreational fishing. Typically commercial anglers have permits to drive on the beach, but this is not always the case. Salmonids are targeted along the riverbank occasionally.

Boundary North: Mad River Mouth

Boundary South: Lanphere Rd.

Available Modes: Beach and Bank (BB), Man-Made (MM) and Private/Rental (PR2)

Cluster: EUR4 Subsite A and BB5, Subsite A

Activity: Recreational and commercial surfperch fishing, plus salmonid fishing in BB and PR modes.

Common Fish Species: Surfperch and salmonids

Site #: 023-119

Name: Arcata

Directions to Access Point A: From U.S. Highway 101, exit on Samoa Blvd. (Hwy 255) in Arcata, CA. Travel west on Samoa Blvd. then turn south on I street. Parking is available in the lot at the end of I St., at the Arcata Marsh and Wildlife Sanctuary.

Description: The Arcata site consists of a primitive boat launch which is only usable at high tide. During low tide there is not any water covering the boat launch. Beach and bank fishing occurs on the rocky armored bank of Humboldt Bay. Anglers are only eligible for a CRFS interview if they fished in Humboldt Bay. Do not sample anglers fishing in the marshes.

Boundary North:

Boundary South: Jacoby Creek

Available Modes: Beach and Bank (BB), Private/Rental (PR2)

Cluster: BB4, Subsite I

Activity: Anglers are rarely seen at this site.

Common Fish Species: Surfperch

Site #: 023-227

Name: Samoa

Directions to Access Point A: From U.S. Highway 101, exit on Samoa Blvd. (Hwy 255) in Arcata, CA. Travel west on Samoa Blvd. until reaching the Mad River Slough Bridge. A turnout is available for parking on either side of the bridge near the lumber mill.

Directions to Access Point B: From U.S. Highway 101 in Eureka, CA turn west on R St. (Hwy 255) and go across the Samoa Bridge to the west side of Humboldt Bay. Turn north at the end of the bridge and then turn west to enter the Manila Dunes Recreation Area.

Directions to Access Point C: From U.S. Highway 101 in Eureka, CA turn west on R St. (Hwy 255) and go across the Samoa Bridge to the west side of Humboldt Bay. Turn south at the end of the bridge. Turn east into Fairhaven via Lincoln Ave. or Duprey St. Turn onto Lindstrom Ave. and then west onto an unmarked street that ends at Humboldt Bay.

Directions to Access Point D: From U.S. Highway 101 in Eureka, CA turn west on R St. (Hwy 255) and go across the Samoa Bridge to the west side of Humboldt Bay. Turn south at the end of the bridge and continue driving to the Samoa Boat Ramp County Park.

Description: The Samoa CRFS site is very long and has numerous fishing access points. The main access points are the Samoa Boat Ramp County Park and the Mad River Slough Bridge. However, the distance between these access points is large enough that x-effort should be monitored at the primitive boat launch and railroad trestle only during a BB mode sample. Sampling during MMPR mode should focus on x-effort at the Samoa Boat Ramp County Park where there is more fishing effort. The primitive boat launch between the 255 and the old railroad trestle is primarily used to launch hunting skiffs. Hunting skiff trailers should not be part of the trailer count. Man-made fishing mode is possible on the Samoa Boat Launch and the railroad trestle, but monitoring x-effort simultaneously at both sites is not possible. Beach and bank access points are available on both sides of the Samoa peninsula. The BB access points include A, B, C, and D, but other minor BB access points include the Samoa Beach Access parking lot, Bay St., and the USS Milwaukee Memorial across from Samoa Pulp Ln.

Boundary North: Mad River Slough

Boundary South: Samoa County Park

Available Modes: Beach and Bank (BB), Man-Made (MM), and Private/Rental (PR2)

Cluster: EUR4 Subsite C and BB4, Subsite H

Activity: Fishing occurs most at the Samoa Boat Ramp County Park, but surfperch anglers are occasionally seen on the beaches.

Common Fish Species: Bottomfish, Salmon, Surfperch

Site #: 023-210

Name: North Jetty

Directions to Access Point A: From U.S. Highway 101 in Eureka, CA turn west on R St. (Hwy 255) and go across the Samoa Bridge to the west side of Humboldt Bay. Turn south at the end of the bridge and continue driving to the entrance of the BLM Samoa Dunes Recreation Area.

Description: The North Jetty site is a large area that requires driving and walking to observe all fishing areas. When in MM mode, drive directly to the parking area at the end of Jetty Rd. and then walk out on the sand to the jetty. The MM sample should only be of anglers fishing on the jetty where it is surrounded on three sides by water. Use caution when walking on the jetty and avoid dangerous swell conditions. Anglers on the beaches and the armored bank that has water on only one side will be sampled in BB mode. All anglers in all modes should be sampled as time allows. Boats may be launched off the bayside beaches, but this is rare.

Boundary North: BLM Samoa Dunes Recreation Area gate

Boundary South: North Jetty

Available Modes: Beach and Bank (BB), Man-Made (MM) and Private/Rental (PR2)

Cluster: EUR4 Subsite D and BB4, Subsite G

Activity: Fishing occurs most at the jetty, but surfperch anglers are occasionally seen on the beaches.

Common Fish Species: Bottomfish, salmon, surfperch, anchovies

Site #: 023-313

Name: Eureka Slough

Directions to Access Point A: Drive the U.S. Highway 101 between Arcata and Eureka and determine if any anglers are fishing on the bank of Humboldt Bay or Jacoby Creek.

Directions to Access Point B: From U.S. Highway 101 south (4th St. in Eureka, CA), turn west into the Target parking lot via Y Street. Drive to the rear of the store and park.

Directions to Access Point C: From U.S. Highway 101, turn west onto T St., south on Waterfront Dr. and then west into the Samoa Bridge Boat Launching facility parking lot.

Description: The Eureka Slough extends from the Samoa Bridge in Eureka, all the way up the west side of Humboldt Bay to Jacoby Creek. There are also BB fishing areas up the slough that passes under the 101 bridge behind Target. Anglers fishing from the shore north of the Samoa Bridge are in this Eureka Slough site. Anglers fishing the shore south of the Samoa Bridge are fishing in the Eureka Shore site (23-215). The main x-effort access point is behind target where there is a primitive boat launch and a railroad trestle for MM anglers. The railroad trestle is fenced off, but anglers will hop over the fence to fish. Do not go out on the trestle since it is prohibited and dangerous. Monitor x-effort from behind Target and obtain interviews from anglers if they leave the fenced area. Another primitive boat launch is at Jacoby Creek between the 101 and the old railroad bridge. The Jacoby Creek primitive boat launch should not be sampled since it is used by hunters to launch skiffs and since parking along the 101 is dangerous. Beach and Bank anglers can fish in private property areas, like areas behind the Eureka Boiler Works or the Mill Yard, along the 101 and the Eureka Slough such as at private residences. Count these anglers when they are observed, but trespassing to get interviews is not appropriate.

Boundary North: Jacoby Creek

Boundary South: Samoa Bridge

Available Modes: Beach and Bank (BB), Man-Made (MM), and Private/Rental (PR2)

Cluster: EUR4 Subsite E and BB4, Subsite F

Activity: MM and primitive PR anglers are rarely seen.

Common Fish Species: Surfperch

Site #: 023-121

Name: Woodley Island Marina

Directions to Access Point A: From U.S. Highway 101 (5th Street in Eureka, CA) turn west onto the Samoa Bridge (255) and cross over to Woodley Island taking the Woodley Island Marina exit. Drive on Startare Dr. and turn into the parking areas to access the docks.

Description: The Woodley Island Marina consists of docks labeled A through I and a large wildlife area. The Woodley Island Marina is mainly used by commercial fishermen, but recreational fishing also occurs. There is no boat launch on the island, so there are no trailers to count. PR anglers are interviewed as they return to their slips. PC mode is possible at this site and new boats should be sampled and reported to the CRFS supervisor. Dock D has been used by CPFV operators. Beach and Bank fishing is only possible at tiny areas around the docks. Fishing is prohibited in the wildlife areas. Fishing from the docks in Man-made mode is prohibited.

Boundary North:

Boundary South:

Available Modes: Beach and Bank (BB), Private Charter (PC), Man-Made (MM) and Private/Rental (PR2)

Cluster: BB4, Subsite E

Activity: Private fishing boats moored in slips are common. A CPFV is operates on dock D.

Common Fish Species: Bottomfish, Salmon, Surfperch, Albacore

Site #: 023-107

Name: Samoa Bridge Ramp

Directions to Access Point A: From U.S. Highway 101, turn west onto T St., south on Waterfront Dr. and then west into the Samoa Bridge Boat Launching Facility parking lot.

Description: The Samoa Bridge Ramp consists of a boat launch ramp and floating dock directly under the Samoa Bridge. Only anglers in PR mode should be sampled at this site. Anglers fishing from the shore are in MM mode at the Eureka Shore site (23-215). Anglers fishing from the shore north of the Samoa Bridge are in the Eureka Slough site (23-313).

Boundary North:

Boundary South:

Available Modes: Private/Rental (PR2)

Cluster: EUR3 Subsite A

Activity: Boat fishing is the only mode.

Common Fish Species: Bottomfish, salmon, surfperch, halibut, sharks, rays, skates, and albacore.

Site #: 023-120

Name: Eureka Marina

Directions to Access Point A: From U.S. Highway 101, turn west onto Commercial St., then south on Waterfront Dr. and then turn into the Eureka Public Marina parking lot.

Description: The Eureka Public Marina has numerous docks and a boat launch ramp. While in PR mode, the sampler should only monitor effort at the boat launch. Boats entering and leaving slips are not monitored. Trailers can be parked along Waterfront Dr., side streets, and at the Warfinger Building parking lot when fishing effort is high.

Boundary North:

Boundary South:

Available Modes: Private/Rental (PR1 & 2)

Cluster: EUR3 Subsite C

Activity: Boaters at the marina are usually fishermen, but non-fishing activities can include sailing, crabbing, and bay cruising.

Common Fish Species: Bottomfish, salmon, surfperch, halibut, sharks, rays, skates, and albacore.

Site #: 023-215

Name: Eureka Shore

Directions to Access Point A: From U.S. Highway 101, turn west onto T St., south on Waterfront Dr. and then west into the Samoa Bridge Boat Launching facility parking lot.

Directions to Access Point B: From U.S. Highway 101, turn west onto T St., south on Waterfront Dr. Continue along Waterfront Dr. and turn west into the Adorni Center parking lot to access the shoreline and Bonnie Gool Guest Dock.

Directions to Access Point C: In Old Town Eureka, follow 1st St. to the Eureka Boardwalk which spans H-C streets.

Directions to Access Point D: From U.S. Highway 101, turn west onto Commercial St. and park at Englund Marine Supply.

Directions to Access Point E: From U.S. Highway 101 (Broadway), turn west onto Washington St., then north on Waterfront Dr. and west on Marina Way by the Warfinger Building.

Description: Anglers are most prevalent at access points A, B, and C. However, man-made mode anglers are sometimes present at the Pacific Choice and Englund Marine docks. Beach and Bank areas are armored by rocks with water on only one side.

Boundary North: Samoa Bridge

Boundary South: Washington Street

Available Modes: Beach and Bank (BB) and Man-Made (MM)

Cluster: EUR3 Subsite B and BB4, Subsite D

Activity: Anglers at this site are usually fishing for fun and release most of their catch.

Common Fish Species: Surfperch, anchovies, sharks, rays, and skates

Site #: 023-228

Name: Bucksport

Directions to Access Point A: From U.S. Highway 101 in Eureka, CA, turn west on W. Del Norte St. Park at the end of the road near the Del Norte St. Fishing Pier.

Directions to Access Point B: From U.S. Highway 101 in Eureka, CA, turn west on Truesdale Ave.

Directions to Access Point C: From U.S. Highway 101 in Eureka, CA, turn west on Hilfiker Ln.

Description: Fishing at this site occurs mainly in MM mode at the Del Norte St. Fishing Pier. Anglers in BB mode are usually seen at the Elk River mouth at access point C. Boats are rarely launched from the beach at access point C. Access point B is rarely used and can be skipped when not in BB mode.

Boundary North: Washington St.

Boundary South: Elk River saltwater cutoff upstream from the Sewage Plant

Available Modes: Beach and Bank (BB), Man-Made (MM) and Private/Rental (PR2)

Cluster: EUR3 Subsite D and BB4, Subsite C

Activity: Fishing and crabbing on the pier is most common.

Common Fish Species: Sharks, rays, skates, and surfperch

Site #: 023-105

Name: King Salmon

Directions to Access Point A: From U.S. Highway 101, take the King Salmon Avenue exit (#700) and turn west onto King Salmon Avenue. King Salmon Ave. becomes Buhne St. after a curve. Parking is available along Buhne St.

Directions to Access Point B: From U.S. Highway 101, take the King Salmon Avenue exit (#700) and turn west onto King Salmon Avenue. King Salmon Ave. becomes Buhne St. after a curve. Proceed down Buhne St. and turn east onto Perch St. where you will enter Johnny's RV Park.

Directions to Access Point C: From U.S. Highway 101, take the King Salmon Avenue exit (#700) and turn west onto King Salmon Avenue. King Salmon Ave. becomes Buhne St. after a curve. Proceed down Buhne St. and turn east on Halibut Ave. where EZ Landing is at the end of the road.

Description: All four fishing modes can occur at this site. Man-made mode is possible on the two breakwaters that are surrounded on three sides by water. Adjacent to the MM breakwaters is a sandy beach and an armored bank for BB angling. Boats can launch from Johnny's RV Park, EZ Landing slips, and from private docks behind residences. Interview anglers returning to Johnny's and EZ Landing, but private residence PR interviews can be omitted. PR counts can be adjusted by observing boats as they are returning to the King Salmon Slough. Charter boats have operated at Johnny's and EZ Landing and the mode should be monitored. New CPFV vessels operating at this site should be reported to the CRFS supervisor.

Boundary North:

Boundary South:

Available Modes: Beach and Bank (BB), Private Charter (PC), Man-Made (MM) and Private/Rental (PR2)

Cluster: EUR3 Subsite E and BB4, Subsite B

Activity: All fishing modes can occur at this site.

Common Fish Species: Bottomfish, salmon, surfperch, halibut, sharks, rays, skates, and albacore.

Site #: 023-103

Name: Fields Landing

Directions to Access Point A: From U.S. Highway 101, take the Fields Landing exit and turn west on Orchard St. which becomes Railroad Ave. when coming from the south or turn west onto Railroad Ave. when coming from the north. At the end of Railroad Ave. there is a parking lot and boat launch.

Description: Fields Landing is a busy area during open seasons for bottomfish, salmon, halibut, crabbing, and hunting. The parking area can become full, forcing anglers to park their trailers further down the road and on side streets. Counts of PR trailers should encompass the side streets as needed during busy times. Man-made anglers are seldom seen fishing off the dock, but the mode is present. Beach and bank anglers are rare. On occasion illegal and dangerous activities or situations have been observed. Remember that safety is first and use good judgement in questionable circumstances.

Boundary North:

Boundary South:

Available Modes: Beach and Bank (BB), Man-Made (MM) and Private/Rental (PR1 & 2)

Cluster: EUR3 Subsite F and BB4, Subsite A

Activity:

Common Fish Species: Bottomfish, salmon, surfperch, halibut, sharks, rays, skates, and albacore.

Site #: 023-211

Name: South Spit

Directions to Access Point A: From U.S. Highway 101, take the Hookton Rd. exit. Go straight at the stop sign and Hookton Rd. will become Table Bluff Rd. Turn north into the Hookton Slough Wildlife refuge.

Directions to Access Point B: From U.S. Highway 101, take the Hookton Rd. exit. Go straight at the stop sign and Hookton Rd. will become Table Bluff Rd. Enter the BLM managed South Spit gate on top of Table Bluff. A parking area is at the bottom of the bluff.

Directions to Access Point C: From U.S. Highway 101, take the Hookton Rd. exit. Go straight at the stop sign and Hookton Rd. will become Table Bluff Rd. Enter the BLM managed South Spit gate on top of Table Bluff. Follow South Jetty Rd. until you reach the jetty.

Description: The South Spit is a vast area that stretches from the Hookton Slough non-motorized boat launch to the South Jetty to the Eel River estuary. The Man-Made fishing mode is only on the jetty where it is surrounded on three sides by water. Man-made anglers utilize the jetty for surfperch, bottomfish, salmon, and sharks. Beach and Bank fishing modes are possible on both side of the sand spit as well as the middle rocky portion of the jetty where it only has water on one side. Beach and Bank anglers sometimes use off-road vehicles to travel south from Table Bluff and fish near the Eel River estuary. Anglers can launch non-motorized boats at the Hookton Slough access point as well as along the bayside of the spit.

Boundary North: South Jetty of Humboldt Bay

Boundary South: Eel River estuary

Available Modes: Beach and Bank (BB), Man-Made (MM) and Private/Rental (PR2)

Cluster: EUR2 Subsite A and BB3 Subsite B

Activity: Fishing occurs most at the south jetty, but surfperch anglers are occasionally seen on the spit and at the slough. Hunters are prevalent in the fall and winter on the west side of the road in the hunting corridor. Boats launched into the bay from the hunting corridor can be assessed for fishing by binoculars and trailer type.

Common Fish Species: surfperch, bottomfish, salmon, and sharks

Site #: 023-117

Name: Crab County Park

Directions to Access Point A: From U.S. Highway 101, take the Hookton Rd. exit and turn south onto Eel River Dr. Turn west on Cannibal Island Rd. and then south on Cock Robin Island Rd. A parking area is available on the north side of the Eel River next to the bridge.

Directions to Access Point B: From U.S. Highway 101, take the Hookton Rd. exit and turn south onto Eel River Dr. Turn west on Cannibal Island Rd. and park at the end of the road.

Description: Anglers at this site can launch their boats at the primitive launch below Cock Robin Island Bridge or at the end of Cannibal Island Road. The salt water cutoff for the Eel River is the upper end of Cock Robin Island. The PR anglers should be asked about only the portion of their fishing trip that took place in the saltwater influenced portion of the river. Beach and river bank anglers are typically seen at the end of Cannibal Island Rd. fishing for surfperch in the estuary. From access point B the south end of the South Spit and the North end of Eel River south are visible with binoculars which allows for count adjustments as needed.

Boundary North:

Boundary South:

Available Modes: Beach and Bank (BB) and Private/Rental (PR2)

Cluster: EUR2 Subsite B and BB3 Subsite A

Activity: Surfperch fishing is most common, but salmonid catch and release fishing and crabbing also occurs.

Common Fish Species: Surfperch and salmonids

Site #: 023-213

Name: Eel River South

Directions to Access Point A: From U.S. Highway 101, take the Ferndale/Fernbridge exit and travel southwest on Ferndale Dr. Cross Fernbridge and drive through downtown Ferndale. Turn west on Centerville Rd. and eventually park at Centerville Beach County Park.

Description: Access to the Centerville Beach area is by the parking area where anglers can drive onto the beach or walk out on the sand. Binoculars are useful in determining if any anglers are fishing farther down the beach. Fishing effort is low at this site. This area is also used by hunters in the fall and winter months.

Boundary North: Eel River estuary

Boundary South: The south end of Centerville Beach

Available Modes: Beach and Bank (BB)

Cluster: BB2, Subsite C

Activity: Anglers at this site typically fish near the parking lot for Centerville Beach or they can ride off road toward the Eel River estuary and fish the northern portion of Centerville Beach.

Common Fish Species: Surfperch

Site #: 023-106

Name: Shelter Cove

Directions to Access Point A: From U.S. Highway 101, take the Redway exit and travel into the town of Redway via Redwood Dr. Turn west on Briceland Rd. which will become Briceland/Whitethorn Rd. Continue past Briceland, stay left at the Ettersburg junction and stay right at the Whitethorn junction. The road will be renamed Shelter Cove Rd. When Shelter Cove Road ends at Upper Pacific Dr. turn left and then turn right on Machi Rd. Enter the Shelter Cove Marina and park near the fish cleaning station.

Description: The Shelter Cove Marina consists of a boat launch, breakwater, tractor launching service, a RV campground, and a parking area for trailers. Anglers can launch their boats at the launch ramp, but most anglers prefer to pay the tractor service to launch their boats for them. The PR trailer count must include the beach, the parking lot, and the RV campground. Sampling of boats is easiest at the top of the beach access road, so as not to interfere with launching on the ramp. Charter boats at this site can be mistaken for PR boats because they are trailer launched by the tractor. Charter boats are generally parked in a row along the fence of the parking area, while PR trailers are parked in the main parking area. Man-made mode is possible on the small breakwater that shelters the launch ramp. Beach and Bank fishing occurs all along the shoreline from Deadman's Creek to Black Sands Beach, but most activity is observed around Pt. Delgada.

Boundary North:

Boundary South: Dead Man's Creek

Available Modes: Beach and Bank (BB), Private Charter (PC), Man-Made (MM) and Private/Rental (PR1 & 2)

Cluster: EUR1, Subsite A

Activity: This site has diverse fishing opportunities. Private boat fishing for bottomfish, salmon, halibut, albacore, and Dungeness crab is the most prevalent activity. Charter fishing usually occurs from March to September. The shoreline is used at various places by BB anglers. A small breakwater enables MM fishing for surfperch and bottomfish. Abalone diving, castnet fishing, and spearfishing also occur.

Common Fish Species: Bottomfish, salmon, surfperch, albacore, halibut, sole, sandabs, and anchovies. This site has the most diverse fish species of any site in Humboldt County.