

**1-130-A Site Summary - Southwest Seal Rock****1-130-A****County:** Del Norte **ACP Division/Segment:** DN - C - S02**NOAA Chart:** 18603**Map Book:** CA Road Atlas**Decimal Degrees:** 41.81394 -124.3519**Site Description:**

Southwest Seal Rock is 8.5 miles west northwest of Crescent City and 5.25 miles off the coast at Point St. George. This site is an offshore rock managed by BLM as part of the California Coastal National Monument. Site is within the following State Marine Protected Area(s): Southwest Seal Rock Special Closure. Offshore rock.

Seabirds, Steller sea lion: pupping season (05-07) particularly sensitive during this period, haul out for juveniles and adults (01-12), groundfish (EFH)

**Resources at Risk:***ESI and Habitat:* 1A Exposed Rocky Shore**List of Resources at Risk:**

	Resource Name	Status	Presence	Sensitivity
Birds	bird rookeries		Year-round	Mar-Sep
Mammals	Steller sea lion	FP	Year-round	May-Jul
Mammals	marine mammals	FP	Year-round	May-Jul

FT-Federally Threatened, FE-Federally Endangered, FP-Federally Protected, SE-State Endangered, ST-State Threatened, SP -State Protected, SR-State Rare, SSC-Species of Special Concern, BGEPA-Bald and Golden Eagle Protection Act, SSSP-State Special Status Species

**List of Key Contacts:**

Type	Name/Title	Organization	Phone
C	/Coordinator	Native American Heritage Commission	(916) 373-3710
C	/Coordinator	Northwest Information Center	(707) 588-8455
E	/	Del Norte County Sheriff's Department	(707) 464-4191
T	/	Bureau of Land Management	(707) 825-2300
T	/	NOAA National Marine Fisheries Service-Arcata	(707) 822-7201
T	/	US Fish and Wildlife Service-Arcata Field Office	(707) 822-7201
T	/	Yurok Tribal Office, Klamath	(707) 482-1350

C – Cultural, Historic, Archaeological; E – Entry/Owner/Access; O – Other; S – Safety; T – Trustee; X – Exclusion or Security

**Additional Site Summary Comments:**

Breeding seabirds will use these rocks for nesting in the spring. Offshore rocks provide roosting and nesting habitat for birds and haulout locations for marine mammals. Care should be taken so that response activities do not flush wildlife from these areas. The rocks are sensitive to human intrusion year round, especially during nesting season (03-09) when the adults are on eggs and until the young have fledged from the nest. The offshore rocks have cultural significance for local tribes.

For further information about coastal access in this area, please refer to the California Coastal Commission's California Coastal Access Guide. For photos of the coastline in this area, please refer to the California Coastal Records Project ([www.californiacoastline.org](http://www.californiacoastline.org)).

Cultural, Historical, and Archeological sites are known to exist in the area, however, the exact locations of these sites must be ascertained by contacting the Native American Heritage Commission at (916) 373-3710, the State Office of Historical Preservation (916) 445-7000, and/or the Northwest Information Center (707) 588-8455.

**Concerns and Advice to Responders:**

The rugged coastline will prevent onshore response over most of this area. Off-site measures including dispersants should be considered when a spill threatens to impact this area. Overflights should be careful to maintain flight path and altitude clearance distances that are large enough to prevent the flushing of birds and marine mammals from their nests, roosts, and haulouts on the offshore rocks in this area.

**Hazard and Restrictions:**

No access. Extreme currents, offshore rocks, high energy.

**Site Strategies:****Site Validation Level: I**

**Strategy: 1-130.1 Objective:** No Onsite Options: Consider Offshore Containment/Recovery/ART

**Strategy:** This site is best protected by preventing the oil from arriving here, when possible. Off-site response options including dispersants should be considered.

Table of Response Resources

**Last Page Update****Logistics:**

*Directions:* No access. Rock is approximately 5.25 mi. offshore and lies along Point St. George Reef.

*Land Access:*

*On-Water Limitations:*

*Facilities, Staging Areas, Command Posts, Available Equipment:*

*Communications Problems:*

*Additional Operational Comments:*

