

**1-150-A Site Summary - Battery Point****1-150-A****County:** Del Norte **ACP Division/Segment:** DN - D - S01**NOAA Chart:** 18603**Map Book:** CA Road Atlas**Decimal Degrees:** 41.74654 -124.20449**Site Description:**

Battery Point is a nearshore rock island that is accessible by foot only at lower tides and inaccessible at higher tides. Battery Point Lighthouse and Museum are located at the foot of A Street in Crescent City. This is an active lighthouse that serves as a private aid to navigation. Site is associated with BLM's California Coastal National Monument resources. Battery Point is currently a Maritime Museum and is operated by Del Norte County. The Cape Cod structure built of brick and granite offers visitors a look at the maritime history of the region and gives great insight to the life of a light keeper. Worn from storms and tidal waves, this 45 foot tower and attached lean-to still function today as an important navigational aid to seaward travelers along the northern Pacific coast. The rock and lighthouse are largely a historical and cultural attraction.

Note: area of frequent sightings of marbled murrelet (FT,SE)(01-12) - fledglings on water (07-09) - adults (01-12). Other seabirds include California brown pelican, common loon (SSC), harbor seals (01-12), California sea lions (01-12), kelp beds (01-12), groundfish (EFH).

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

2A Exposed wave-cut platforms in bedrock, mud, or clay

**List of Resources at Risk:**

	Resource Name	Status	Presence	Sensitivity
Birds	marbled murrelet	FT, SE	Year-round	Jul-Sep
Birds	common loon	FP, SSC	Year-round	
Fish	coho salmon - north of Punta Gorda	FT, ST	Year-round	
Fish	steelhead - Central/Northern California	FT	Year-round	
Fish	chinook salmon - S. Oregon/N. California coastal	SSC	Year-round	
Mammals	California sea lion	FP	Year-round	
Mammals	harbor seal	FP	Year-round	

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	/	Battery Point Light House	(707) 464-3089
E	/	Del Norte County Parks	(707) 464-7230
E	/	Del Norte County Sheriff's Department	(707) 464-4191
T	/Harbor Master	Crescent City Harbor District	(707) 464-6174
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:**

Battery Point Lighthouse is only accessible at low tide.

**Hazard and Restrictions:**

Offshore rocks and kelp beds. Extreme current and high energy shoreline. This is a busy commercial and recreational harbor. Heavy equipment may be in operation around the area.

**Site Strategies:****Site Validation Level: II**

**Strategy: 1-150.1 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:* Go north on Hwy 101 into Crescent City. Turn left (west) onto Front Street and continue to end, turn left on Lighthouse Way and continue to parking lot at Battery Point.

*Land Access:* Parking area at Battery Point accessible to 2WD, 4WD, and trucks. Lighthouse accessible to foot traffic at low tide.

*On-Water Limitations:* Boats may be launched from several locations within Crescent City harbor.

*Facilities, Staging Areas, Command Posts, Available Equipment:* This area may also serve as a good staging area for large amounts of equipment.

*Communications Problems:*

*Additional Operational Comments:*

