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County: Del Norte ACP Division/Segment: DN - F - S002

NOAA Chart: 18600 Map Book: CA Road Atlas Decimal Degrees: 41.51937 -124.08536

Site Description:

This rugged shoreline is south of the Klamath River and managed by the National Park Service as part of Redwood National and State Parks. Offshore rocks in the area are managed by BLM as part of the California Coastal National Monument. Flint Rock is exposed rocky cliffs/headland. White Rock is approximately 1000-ft offshore and supports a breeding seabird colony.

Seabirds include double-crested and pelagic cormorants, western gull, pigeon guillemot, all (01-12); nesting (03-09). Other resources include marbled murrelet (FT, SE), California brown pelican (04-11), bald eagle (SE) and peregrine falcon (01-12), marine mammals, salmonids, groundfish (EFH). Although usually not in large numbers, salmonids including coho (FT,ST) and chinook (FT) salmon, steelhead (SSC), and coastal cutthroat trout (SSC) often forage in the nearshore environment and can be impacted by oiling.

Resources at Risk:

ESI and Habitat: 1A Exposed Rocky Shore

1C Exposed rocky cliffs with boulder talus base

6A Gravel Beach

List of Resources at Risk:

	Resource Name	Status	Presence	Sensitivity
Birds	marbled murrelet	FT, SE	Year-round	
Birds	bald eagle	FP, SE	Year-round	
Birds	peregrine falcon	FP, SP	Year-round	
Birds	common loon	FP, SSC	Year-round	
Birds	bird rookeries		Year-round	Mar-Sep
Fish	salmonids		Year-round	
Mammals	pinnipeds	FP	Year-round	May-Aug
Plants	pink sand verbena		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:

Туре	Name/Title	Organization	Phone
С	/Coordinator	Native American Heritage Commission	(916) 373-3710
С	/Coordinator	Northwest Information Center	(707) 588-8455
Е	/	Del Norte County Sheriff's Department	(707) 464-4191
Е	/	Redwood National and State Parks	(707) 464-6101
0	/Supervisor Ranger (24hr)	NORCOM State Parks Dispatch	(916) 358-1300
Т	/	Bureau of Land Management	(707) 825-2300
Т	/	NOAA National Marine Fisheries Service-Arcata	(707) 822-7201
Т	/	US Fish and Wildlife Service-Arcata Field Office	(707) 822-7201
Т	/	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

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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).

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:

Extreme currents in area. High energy shoreline, and offshore rocks.

Site Strategies: Site Validation Level: ||

Strategy: 1-185.1 **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.

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Logistics:

Directions: No direct access

Land Access: It may be possible to access Flint Rock from shoreline south of the Klamath River mouth at the end of West Klamath Beach Road. From Hwy 101, exit at Klamath Beach Rd and head west approximately 3.5miles for beach access. Flint Rock is .8 mi south.

On-Water Limitations: No access

Facilities, Staging Areas, Command Posts, Available Equipment: None

Communications Problems: Remote, limited communications.

Additional Operational Comments:

