

1-240-A Site Summary - Trinidad Bay and McConahas Mill Creek**1-240-A****County:** Humboldt **ACP Division/Segment:** HM - D - S03**NOAA Chart:** 18600**Map Book:** CA Road Atlas**Decimal Degrees:** 41.05494 -124.13872**Site Description:**

This site includes the steep and rugged coastline at Trinidad Head and the shoreline of the protected harbor to the south. Trinidad Pier and launch facility are managed by Trinidad Rancheria, Trinidad Head is managed by BLM. Offshore rocks are included in BLM's California Coastal National Monument. Private properties present as well. Minor tidal inlet at McConahas Mill Creek. Offshore rocks, rocky headlands, fine- to medium-grained sand beaches, gravel beaches.

Seabird colonies throughout area (01-12), rocks serve as rookeries (03-09). See site 1-235-A for more species in area. California brown pelican (04-11), common loon (SSC), common murre, double-crested cormorant (01-12), fork-tailed storm-petrel (SSC), marbled murrelet (FT,SE), tufted puffin (SSC). River otters, harbor seals, California and Steller sea lions, porpoises. Anadromous salmonids coastal cutthroat trout and steelhead may be present and in coastal streams throughout area. Although usually not in large numbers, salmonids including coho (FT,ST) and chinook (FT) salmon, steelhead (FT), and coastal cutthroat trout (SSC) often forage in the nearshore environment and can be impacted by oiling. Longfin smelt (ST), nursery habitat for juvenile rockfish (01-12), surfperch spawning (04-06), surfsmelt and night-smelt spawning in area; groundfish (EFH).

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

3A Fine- to medium-grained sand beaches

5 Mixed sand and gravel beaches

List of Resources at Risk:

	Resource Name	Status	Presence	Sensitivity
Birds	marbled murrelet	FT, SE	Year-round	
Birds	tufted puffin	FP, SSC	Year-round	Mar-Sep
Birds	fork-tailed storm petrel	FP, SSC	Year-round	Mar-Sep
Birds	common loon	FP, SSC	Year-round	
Birds	Cassin's auklet	FP, SSC	Year-round	Mar-Sep
Fish	salmonids		Year-round	
Fish	longfin smelt	ST	Year-round	
Mammals	pinnipeds	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	/	Humboldt County Sheriff	(707) 445-7251
O	/	Cal Poly Humboldt Marine Lab	(707) 826-3671
O	/	City of Trinidad	(707) 677-0223
T	/	Bureau of Land Management	(707) 825-2300
T	/	NOAA National Marine Fisheries Service-Arcata	(707) 822-7201
T	/	Trinidad Rancheria	(707) 677-0211
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).

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:

Seawater intakes for the HSU Marine laboratory are in the area.

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:

Scenic Drive may be closed or have slides and washouts either blocking or reducing the two lane road to one lane. Caution should be taken when driving this road at all times as some turns are blind.

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

Strategy: 1-240.1 Objective: No Onsite Options: Consider Offshore Containment/Recovery/ART

Strategy: Conventional on-scene response is not possible at this site. Protect with off-site response measures only.

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Directions: From Eureka, go north on Hwy 101. Take the Trinidad Exit 728 and turn left onto Main Street. Turn left again (Road next to Salty's) onto Scenic Drive. Various access points along this road from footpaths. Launching facilities and shoreline access are available at Trinidad Harbor. To reach the harbor, continue on Main Street and turn left onto Trinity Street then right onto Edwards Street and follow to end. The harbor is east of the parking area.

Land Access: Access to local beaches by ATV, or footpaths.

On-Water Limitations: Hoist available for boats, skiffs may be launched from the beach.

Facilities, Staging Areas, Command Posts, Available Equipment: The harbor has a marine railroad for launching vessel up to 5000 lbs. and up to 26' in length. There is also a small launch on the beach nearby. There is ample room for staging large amounts of equipment in the general harbor area. Food services, limited lodging, and fuel are available in the area. Water, public phones, bathrooms, and electricity may be available for emergency response use.

Communications Problems:

