

1-250-A Site Summary - Clam Beach**1-250-A****County:** Humboldt **ACP Division/Segment:** HM - E - S01 HM - E - S02**NOAA Chart:** 18600**Map Book:** CA Road Atlas**Decimal Degrees:** 40.99985 -124.11788**Site Description:**

This site begins at the mouth of the Little River and extends south to the mouth of the Mad River. Clam Beach is a popular public beach with a small campground managed by Humboldt County Parks. State Parks manages the north end as part of Little River State Beach. The beaches have fine- to medium-grained sand. Small tidal inlets at Strawberry and Patrick Creeks are present on the site.

Western snowy plovers (FT) may be present year-round. Nesting occurs from approximately March through September. Contact State Parks and Humboldt County Parks for guidance prior to initiating response. Clam Beach is western snowy plover critical habitat above the high tide line. Nests are difficult to see and easy to step on. Responders should minimize traffic routes and try to limit activity to the area below the high tide line. Avoid areas enclosed by symbolic fencing or otherwise marked as nesting habitat.

Coastal cutthroat trout may be present in Strawberry and Patrick Creeks. These trout may be anadromous and present through beach area if creeks have enough flow. 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. Surfperch. Pacific razor clams (01-12) and Dungeness crabs utilize the inter- and subtidal zones. Clams burrow into the sand, crabs may bury themselves to the tops of the carapace. Northern red-legged frog (SSC) in freshwater wetland nearby. Sensitive plants in dunes include beach layia, pink sand verbena and Wolf's evening primrose (all CNPS 1B.1) and small freshwater wetland upstream from the beach in the coastal streams.

Resources at Risk:*ESI and Habitat:* 3A Fine- to medium-grained sand beaches**List of Resources at Risk:**

	Resource Name	Status	Presence	Sensitivity
Birds	marbled murrelet	FT, SE	Year-round	
Birds	Western snowy plover	FT, SSC	Year-round	Mar-Sep
Fish	chinook salmon - California coastal	FT	Year-round	Dec-Jul
Fish	coastal cutthroat trout	SSC	Year-round	
Fish	steelhead - Central/Northern California	FT	Year-round	Nov-Apr
Fish	coho salmon - north of Punta Gorda	FT, ST	Year-round	Nov-Apr
Plants	Menzies' wallflower	FE, SE	Year-round	
Plants	beach layia	FE, SE	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	/	The Friends of the Dunes	(707) 444-1397
T	/	California State Parks North Coast District	(707) 445-6547
T	/	Humboldt County Parks	(707) 445-7651
T	/	NOAA National Marine Fisheries Service-Arcata	(707) 822-7201
T	/	US Fish and Wildlife Service-Arcata Field Office	(707) 822-7201

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

Additional Site Summary Comments:

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:

Western snowy plover may be present year-round.

Hazard and Restrictions:**Site Strategies:****Site Validation Level: II**

Strategy: 1-250.1 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 N Central Ave Exit 723 to Clam Beach, turn left under overpass and then continue onto Clam Beach County Park Road. Multiple parking areas available on the west side of this road.

Land Access: Beach has drive on access through locked gates. 4WD and heavy equipment accessible.

On-Water Limitations: None

Facilities, Staging Areas, Command Posts, Available Equipment: The large beach parking lot could be used for staging equipment for local response purposes. Public restrooms, parking, and a small campground are the only other assets available to responders. No phones.

Communications Problems:

