

**1-265-A Site Summary - Centerville Beach****1-265-A****County:** Humboldt **ACP Division/Segment:** HM - I - S01**NOAA Chart:** 18620**Map Book:** CA Road Atlas**Decimal Degrees:** 40.57345 -124.35007**Site Description:**

This site includes the beach and 4.5-mile sand spit south of the mouth of the Eel River to Centerville Beach County Park. Most of the sand spit is in private ownership with the exception of Centerville Park Beach at the end of Centerville Road managed by Humboldt County Parks. BLM manages the coastline south of Centerville Beach. This beach is a popular day use area. Sandy beach with stable dunes.

Seabirds and shorebirds including western snowy plover (FT) present at this site year-round, FWS Critical Habitat, nesting period (03-09). Nests directly on sand within dunes. Harbor seals and California sea lions haulout near mouth of Eel River. Although usually not in large numbers, salmonids including coho (FT,ST) and chinook salmon (FT), steelhead (FT), and coastal cutthroat trout (SSC) often forage in the nearshore environment and can be impacted by oiling. Surfperch spawning (04-06), beach layia (SE,FE)(01-12).

**Resources at Risk:**

*ESI and Habitat:* 3A Fine- to medium-grained sand beaches

**List of Resources at Risk:**

	Resource Name	Status	Presence	Sensitivity
Birds	Western snowy plover	FT, SSC	Year-round	Mar-Sep
Birds	marbled murrelet	FT, SE	Year-round	
Fish	surfperch		Year-round	Apr-Jun
Fish	nightsmelt		Jan-Sep	
Fish	surf smelt		May-Oct	
Mammals	harbor seal	FP	Year-round	
Mammals	California sea lion	FP	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
T	/	Bureau of Land Management	(707) 825-2300
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](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:**

Western snowy plover (FT) present year round.

**Hazard and Restrictions:**

4WD and ATV access on beach. Centerville Road may be flooded and closed in winter.

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

**Strategy: 1-265.1 Objective:** No strategy, but possible access to Eel River estuary to the north.

**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:** From Eureka, go 13-miles south on Hwy 101 and take Fernbridge Ferndale Exit 692, go 0.5-miles, turn right on Hwy 211 and follow toward through Ferndale 4.7-miles, turn right onto Ocean/Centerville Rd and continue 5-miles to beach parking.

**Land Access:** Large truck accessible, drive on access. ATV or 4WD necessary.

**On-Water Limitations:** No boat launching facilities at this site. Closest launch is Pedrazzini Park near the Cock Robin Island bridge.

**Facilities, Staging Areas, Command Posts, Available Equipment:** The parking area is suitable for staging local response assets only.

**Communications Problems:**

