

**1-268-A Site Summary - False Cape Rock****1-268-A****County:** Humboldt **ACP Division/Segment:** HM - J - S02**NOAA Chart:** 18620**Map Book:** CA Road Atlas**Decimal Degrees:** 40.50995 -124.39647**Site Description:**

These remote offshore rocks north of Cape Mendocino are managed by the BLM as part of the California Coastal National Monument. This is a very popular recreational and commercial fishing area for groundfish and salmon. Offshore rocks

Seabird rookeries: 2004 common murre estimate: 16700; 2002 estimates: Brandt's cormorant ~800; Western gull ~100; pelagic cormorant ~240; pigeon guillemot ~50. Marine mammal haulout areas; groundfish (EFH).

**Resources at Risk:**

*ESI and Habitat:* 1A Exposed Rocky Shore

**List of Resources at Risk:**

	Resource Name	Status	Presence	Sensitivity
Birds	Brandt's cormorant	FP	Year-round	Mar-Sep
Birds	common murre	FP	Year-round	Mar-Sep
Birds	western gull	FP	Year-round	Mar-Sep
Birds	pelagic cormorant	FP	Year-round	Mar-Sep
Birds	pigeon guillemot	FP	Year-round	Mar-Sep
Birds	tufted puffin	FP, SSC	Year-round	Mar-Sep
Birds	marbled murrelet	FT, SE	Year-round	
Mammals	harbor seal	FP	Year-round	
Mammals	California sea lion	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
T	/	Bureau of Land Management	(707) 825-2300
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:**

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:**

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, high energy shoreline, offshore rocks

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

**Strategy: 1-268.1 Objective:** No Onsite Options: Consider Offshore Containment/Recovery/ART

**Strategy:** Prevent spilled oil from floating to this site. Conventional on-scene response is not possible at this site. Protect with off-site response measures only.

Table of Response Resources

**Last Page Update****Logistics:**

*Directions:* No access.

*Land Access:*

*On-Water Limitations:*

*Facilities, Staging Areas, Command Posts, Available Equipment:*

*Communications Problems:* Remote, limited communications

