

1-275-B Site Summary - Steamboat Rock**1-275-B****County:** Humboldt **ACP Division/Segment:** HM - K - S02**NOAA Chart:** 18623**Map Book:** CA Road Atlas**Decimal Degrees:** 40.41534 -124.40367**Site Description:**

These offshore rocks near 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. Site is associated with the following State Marine Protected Area(s): Steamboat Rock Special Closure and South Cape Mendocino SMR. Offshore rocks and open water.

Seabird rookeries include common murre (~9,300, 2004), Brandt's cormorant (~460, 2002). Marine mammals; groundfish (EFH).

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

	Resource Name	Status	Presence	Sensitivity
Birds	common murre	FP	Year-round	Mar-Sep
Birds	Brandt's cormorant	FP	Year-round	Mar-Sep
Birds	pigeon guillemot	FP	Year-round	Mar-Sep
Birds	western gull	FP	Year-round	Mar-Sep
Birds	marbled murrelet	FT, SE	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
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).

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: 1-275.1 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.

Table of Response Resources

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Directions: No access. Steamboat Rock is visible from Mattole Road near Singley Creek. From Eureka, take Hwy 101 south and take Fernbridge Ferndale Exit 692, continue on this road, turn right onto bridge on route 211 and follow Main St through Ferndale. Turn right on Ocean then left onto Mattole Road (2 lane road may be reduced to 1 lane road in spots) south toward and past Capetown and Bear River to vicinity of Singley Creek.

Land Access: None

On-Water Limitations: No launch in area

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

Communications Problems: Remote, limited communications.

