

1-400-C Site Summary - Morgan Rock**1-400-C****County:** Mendocino **ACP Division/Segment:** MN - A - S01**NOAA Chart:** 18620**Map Book:** CA Road Atlas**Decimal Degrees:** 39.91697 -123.94754**Site Description:**

These remote offshore rocks are managed by the BLM as part of the California Coastal National Monument. The shoreline is within Sinkyone Wilderness State Park. Offshore rock. Lies about 500 feet offshore.

Seabirds, marine mammals including Pacific harbor seal haul-out areas (01-12), groundfish (EFH).

Resources at Risk:

ESI and Habitat: 1A Exposed Rocky Shore

List of Resources at Risk:

	Resource Name	Status	Presence	Sensitivity
Birds	black oystercatcher	FP	Year-round	Mar-Sep
Birds	marbled murrelet	FT, SE	Year-round	
Birds	pigeon guillemot	FP	Year-round	Mar-Sep
Birds	pelagic cormorant	FP	Year-round	Mar-Sep
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
O	/24hr	CalFire Howard Forest Emergency Command	(707) 459-5336
O	/	Mendocino County Sheriff's Department	(707) 463-4086
O	/Supervisor Ranger (24hr)	NORCOM State Parks Dispatch	(916) 358-1300
O	/	Sinkyone Intertribal Wilderness Council	(707) 468-9500
T	/	Bureau of Land Management	(707) 825-2300
T	/	California State Parks North Coast District	(707) 445-6547
T	/	NOAA National Marine Fisheries Service-Arcata	(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 on shore 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 current, high energy shoreline, offshore rocks

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

Strategy: 1-400.1 Objective: No Onsite Options: Consider Offshore Containment/Recovery/ART

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

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Directions: Inaccessible from land, visible from Sinkyone Trail near Bear Harbor. From Eureka, go south on Hwy 101. Take Redway Exit 639B at M.P. 11.653 and follow Redwood Dr into to Redway, turn right on Shelter Cove-Briceland Road. Continue on this road to Thorn Junction at large fork in the road, turn left on Briceland Rd and follow through Whitethorn toward Bear Harbor and State Parks Needle Rock Visitor Center.

Land Access: N/A

On-Water Limitations: Nearest launch is Shelter Cove

Facilities, Staging Areas, Command Posts, Available Equipment: N/A

Communications Problems: Remote, limited communications

