

1-442-A Site Summary - Soldier Point**1-442-A****County:** Mendocino **ACP Division/Segment:** MN - E - S01**NOAA Chart:** 18620**Map Book:** CA Road Atlas**Decimal Degrees:** 39.43929 -123.81943**Site Description:**

This rocky point is west of the community of Fort Bragg and just north of the Noyo River mouth near a former lumber mill. Offshore rocks in the area are managed by BLM as part of the California Coastal National Monument. Rocky coastal headland consisting of wave-cut platforms, bedrock outcroppings, and seastacks are about 85% of the shoreline here. About 15% of shoreline lies within pocket coves consisting of coarse grain sand and pebbles. Short section (200 feet) riprap near former mill outfall. Moderate debris consisting of algae and light woody debris found on most beaches. Area is fully exposed to wave energy.

Seabird colonies, haulouts for harbor seals. Marine resources include epibiotic communities: mytilus, barnacles, urchins, red abalone. Algal communities consisting primarily of Nereocystus, Postelsia, various laminaria, and encrusting coralline algae. Phyllospadix (surfgrass), groundfish (EFH). Numerous sensitive plants on bluff include bluff wallflower, Mendocino Coast paintbrush, Pacific gilia, short-leaved-evax (all CNPS 1B.2).

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

5 Mixed sand and gravel beaches

2A Exposed wave-cut platforms in bedrock, mud, or clay

List of Resources at Risk:

	Resource Name	Status	Presence	Sensitivity
Birds	seabirds		Year-round	
Mammals	marine mammals	FP	Year-round	
Mammals	harbor seal	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	/	Ft. Bragg Police Department	(707) 964-0200
O	/	Mendocino County Sheriff's Department	(707) 463-4086
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 current, high energy shoreline, offshore rocks

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

Strategy: 1-442.1 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: Take Hwy 101 to Willits. Go west on Hwy 20 to Hwy 1 at Fort Bragg. Go north on Hwy 1 for 1.1 miles, turn west onto W. Cypress Street in Fort Bragg and follow road into former Georgia Pacific Corporation Mill site past Noyo Headlands Park to Soldier Point.

Land Access: Bluff is accessible to vehicles. Popular trail system overlooks site.

On-Water Limitations: Nearest launch is Noyo Harbor

Facilities, Staging Areas, Command Posts, Available Equipment: No facilities on site but Noyo Headlands Park could serve as small staging area.

Communications Problems:

