

1-444-A Site Summary - Noyo Harbor Entrance and Dolphin Cove**1-444-A****County:** Mendocino **ACP Division/Segment:** MN - E - S02**NOAA Chart:** 18626**Map Book:** CA Road Atlas**Decimal Degrees:** 39.42739 -123.81393**Site Description:**

This site includes the mouth of Noyo River in Fort Bragg and the tidally influenced estuary upstream approximately two miles to Dolphin Cove marina. Site is associated with BLM's California Coastal National Monument resources. Permanently stabilized inlet subject to large waves, strong tidal currents, and strong river outflow. A fine/medium grained sand beach lies just north of the jetty. The entire shoreline between jetties and Hwy 1 bridge is gravel or riprap. Both sides of the river channel for about .75 mile upriver is highly developed with piers on pilings. Two marinas exist in the river. A large marina managed by the Noyo Harbor District for commercial and recreational boats is located about .75 mile upriver in Noyo Basin. A smaller marina named Dolphin Cove is located about 2 miles upriver. This is a busy recreational and commercial harbor year-round.

Marsh and estuary habitat. Coastal seabirds, shorebirds, waterfowl, osprey (01-12). California sea lions, harbor seals and river otters. Anadromous salmonids include chinook (FT) and coho salmon (FE,SE), and steelhead (FT): spawning runs (09-06), juveniles/smolts (02-08). Surfperch and surf smelt spawn on the outer beaches, groundfish (EFH).

Resources at Risk:*ESI and Habitat:* 6B Riprap

8B Sheltered solid man-made structures

10A Salt - and brackish-water marshes

6A Gravel Beach

List of Resources at Risk:

	Resource Name	Status	Presence	Sensitivity
Birds	seabirds		Year-round	
Birds	shorebirds		Year-round	
Birds	waterfowl		Year-round	
Fish	coho salmon - south of Punta Gorda	FE, SE	Year-round	Nov-Apr
Fish	chinook salmon - California coastal	FT	Year-round	Oct-May
Fish	steelhead - Central/Northern California	FT	Year-round	Nov-Apr
Mammals	harbor seal	FP	Year-round	
Mammals	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	/	Dolphin Cove Marina	(707) 964-4113
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	/	California Dept of Fish and Wildlife, Fort Bragg	(707) 964-9078
T	/	NOAA National Marine Fisheries Service-Arcata	(707) 822-7201
T	/	Noyo Harbor District	(707) 964-4719
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).

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:

Busy harbor, may need to accommodate vessel traffic.

Hazard and Restrictions:

The mouth of the harbor has severe tidal currents that will make any booming efforts difficult if not impossible to do safely.

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

Strategy: 1-444.1 Objective: Collect oil on an incoming tide to prevent spread into the inner harbor

Strategy: Place boom in the channel to passively move oil to a skimming system.

Table of Response Resources

Equipment	Sub-Type	Size	Unit	QTY	Unit	Last Page Update
Boom	Harbor	1200 feet				
Boom	Sorbent	1200 feet				
Anchor	Danforth	25 lb		12		
boat	Skiff			1		
skimmer	SPS/SFS			1		
Crane	For deploying skimmer or barge			1		
Staff	Staff to Deploy			10		
Staff	Staff to Tend			4		

Logistics:

Directions: For Noyo Harbor entrance: from Hwy 101 at Willits, take Hwy 20 to Hwy 1 at Fort Bragg, turn north on Hwy 1 and continue to north side of the Noyo River bridge. Turn east on N. Harbor Drive and continue downhill to harbor (about 1 mile). For Noyo Basin and Dolphin Cove: from Hwy 20, .25 mile east of Hwy 1, turn north on South Harbor Drive. Go .25 mile to base of grade and turn right on Basin Street. Follow Basin Street upstream past USCG station and Noyo Harbor office to its end at Dolphin Cove (1.5 miles).

Land Access: Site is accessible for large truck traffic.

On-Water Limitations: Boat ramps available at this site. Follow directions to Dolphin Cove.

Facilities, Staging Areas, Command Posts, Available Equipment: This site can serve as a large equipment staging area for large regional area response purposes. Fuel, lodging, food, water, phones, and restroom facilities are all locally available for response needs.

Communications Problems:

Additional Operational Comments: For Noyo River flow gauge information see: <https://waterdata.usgs.gov/monitoring-location/11468500/#parameterCode=00065&period=P7D>

