

1-452-B Site Summary - Caspar Point**1-452-B****County:** Mendocino **ACP Division/Segment:** MN - E - S03**NOAA Chart:** 18626**Map Book:** CA Road Atlas**Decimal Degrees:** 39.36959 -123.82553**Site Description:**

This rocky headland is northwest of the community of Caspar and mostly in private ownership. Caspar Headlands State Reserve, owned and managed by State Parks, encompasses the southeastern area below Caspar Point. Offshore rocks in the area are managed by BLM as part of the California Coastal National Monument. Steep rocky headlands and offshore rocks.

Seabird colonies include pelagic cormorants, pigeon guillemot, western gull. Marine mammals, red abalone, groundfish (EFH). Sensitive plants on headlands including Howell's spineflower, Mendocino Coast paintbrush, perennial goldfields (all CNPS 1B.2), Lotis blue butterfly (FE) habitat.

Resources at Risk:*ESI and Habitat:* 2A Exposed wave-cut platforms in bedrock, mud, or clay

5 Mixed sand and gravel beaches

List of Resources at Risk:

	Resource Name	Status	Presence	Sensitivity
Amphibians	foothill yellow-legged frog	SE, SSC	Year-round	Mar-Aug
Birds	seabirds		Year-round	
Insects	Lotis blue butterfly	FE	Year-round	
Mammals	marine mammals	FP	Year-round	
Plants	Howell's spineflower	FE, ST	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
T	/	Bureau of Land Management	(707) 825-2300
T	/Sector Superintendent	California State Parks, Mendocino District	(707) 937-5804
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: 1-452.1 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, turn south on Hwy 1. Continue until town of Caspar is reached. Exit right on Caspar Rd, follow road into Caspar. The town is located southeast of Caspar Point, accessible from Pacifica Ave and Seadrift Ln. Contact State Parks for additional access/information (707.937.5804).

Land Access: Private Properties. Foot access to headlands. Shoreline access limited by cliffs.

On-Water Limitations: Small craft hand launch possible at Caspar Beach, south of Caspar. Use Point Cabrillo Drive to access beach. Nearest large launch is Noyo Harbor.

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

Communications Problems:

