

County: **Del Norte**
 USGS Quad: **Crescent City**

Thomas Guide Location
 CA Road Atlas
 NOAA Chart: **18603**

Latitude N Longitude W
 41 48' 50" 124 21'

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SITE DESCRIPTION:

Southwest Seal Rock is 8.5 miles west northwest of Crescent City and 5.25 miles off the coast at Point St. George. This site is managed by BLM as part of the California Coastal National Monument. Offshore rock.

SEASONAL and SPECIAL RESOURCE CONCERN

Offshore rocks provide roosting and nesting habitat for birds and haul out locations for marine mammals. Care should be taken so that response activities do not flush wildlife from these areas. The offshore rocks have cultural significance for local tribes.

RESOURCES OF PRIMARY CONCERN

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.

Steller sea lion (FT)

pupping season (05-07) particularly sensitive during this period
 haul out for juveniles and adults (01-12)

CULTURAL, HISTORIC, and ARCHEOLOGICAL SENSITIVITIES

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) 653-4082 and State Office of Historical Preservation (916) 445-7000, and/or Ms. Vicki Bates, Coordinator of the North Coast Information Center (707) 482-1822.

KEY CONTACTS: Trustee (T); Entry/Owner/Access (E); Cultural (C); or Other Assistance (O)

| Type | Name / Title | Organization | Phone |
|------|--------------------|---|----------------|
| E | | Del Norte County Sheriff's Dept | (707) 464-4191 |
| T | Rick Hanks Manager | California Coastal National Monument | (831) 915-4621 |
| O | Troy Nicolini | National Weather Service Woodley Island | (707) 442-2171 |

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).

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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 haul outs sanctuaries on the offshore rocks in this area.

HAZARDS and RESTRICTIONS:

No access. Extreme currents, offshore rocks, high energy.

SITE STRATEGIES

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

| strategy number | harbor boom | swamp boom | Other boom type | sorb boom | Anchoring no type and gear | Boom boat | Skiffs punts | Skimmers No Type | Special Equipment or comment No and kinds | staff deploy | Staff tend |
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LOGISTICS

DIRECTIONS: to site (by land and/or by water, to nearest launch ramp and are access permits required.)

No access. Rock is appx. 5.25 mi. offshore and lies along Pt. St. George Reef. Southwest Seal Rock is 8.5 miles west northwest of Crescent City and 5.25 miles off the coast at Point St. George. This site is managed by BLM as part of the California Coastal National Monument.

LAND ACCESS:

WATER LOGISTICS:

Limitations: depth, obstruction

Launching, Loading, Docking

and Services Available:

FACILITIES, STAGING AREAS, POSSIBLE FIELD POSTS AND EQUIPMENT AVAILABLE:

COMMUNICATIONS PROBLEMS: Remote, communications limited

ADDITIONAL OPERATIONAL COMMENTS:

