

County: **Humboldt**
USGS Quad: **Crannell**

Thomas Guide Location
CA Road Atlas
NOAA Chart: **18600**

Latitude N Longitude W
41 02' 30" 124 07' 30"

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SITE DESCRIPTION:

Steep rugged coastline at Trinidad Head and protected harbor to south. Trinidad Pier and launch facility are managed by Trinidad Rancheria. Offshore rocks are included in BLM's California Coastal National Monument. Private properties present as well. Minor tidal inlet at McConnahas Mill Creek. Offshore rocks. Rocky headlands. Fine to medium grain sand beaches. Some gravel beaches.

SEASONAL and SPECIAL RESOURCE CONCERN

Breeding seabirds will use these rocks for nesting in the spring. 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

Sea water intakes for the HSU Marine laboratory are in the area. 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.

Seabird colonies throughout area (01-12). Serve as rookeries (03-09). See site 1-235-A for species in area. Double-crested cormorant (01-12). California brown pelican (04-11).

River otters, Pacific harbor seals, Sea lions, Porpoises

Anadromous salmonids: Coastal cutthroat trout (SSC) and Steelhead (FT) may be present in coastal streams throughout area. Spawns in coastal streams and creeks in area.

Nursery habitat for juvenile rockfish (01-12).

Surfperch spawning (04-06)

Surfsmelt and Nightsmelt spawning in area

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		Humboldt County Sheriff	(707) 445-7251
O		City of Trinidad	(707) 677-0223
T	Rick Hanks Manager	California Coastal National Monument	(831) 915-4621
O	Troy Nicolini	National Weather Service Woodley Island	(707) 442-2171
T	Craig Richardson Dockmaster	Trinidad Rancheria	(707) 499-6478

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).

1-240 -A Site Strategy - Trinidad Bay and McConnahas Mill Creek

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CONCERNS and ADVICE to RESPONDERS:

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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:

Scenic Drive may be closed or have slides and washouts either blocking or reducing the two lane road to one lane. Caution should be taken when driving this road at all times as some turns are blind.

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.

Strategy 1-240.1 Objective: Prevent spilled oil from floating to this site.

Conventional on-scene response is not possible at this site. Protect with off-site response measures only.

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.)

From Eureka, go north on U.S. hwy 101. Exit at Trinidad M.P. 100.644 and turn left onto Main Street. Turn left again (Road next to Salty's) onto Scenic Drive. Various access points along this road from footpaths. Launching facilities are available at Trinidad Harbor. Continue on Main Street and turn left onto Trinity Street. Turn left from Trinity Street onto Edwards Street. The harbor is east of the parking area. Steep rugged coastline at Trinidad Head and protected harbor to south. Trinidad Pier and launch facility are managed by Trinidad Rancheria. Offshore rocks are included in BLM's California Coastal National Monument. Private properties present as well.

LAND ACCESS: Access to local beaches by ATV, or foot paths.

WATER LOGISTICS:

Limitations: depth, obstruction

Launching, Loading, Docking Hoist available for boats, skiffs may be launched from the beach
and Services Available:

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

The harbor has a marine railroad for launching vessel up to 5000 lbs and up to 26' in length. There is also a public small boat launch ramp. There is ample room for staging large amounts of equipment in the general harbor area. Food services, limited lodging, and fuel are available in the area. Water, public phones, bath rooms, and electricity may be available for emergency response use.

COMMUNICATIONS PROBLEMS:

ADDITIONAL OPERATIONAL COMMENTS:

