

County: **Mendocino**  
 USGS Quad: **Inglennook**

Thomas Guide Location  
 CA Road Atlas  
 NOAA Chart: **18626**

Latitude N Longitude W  
 39 33' 20" 123 46' 00"

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#### SITE DESCRIPTION:

This site includes the tidally influenced estuary at the mouth of Ten Mile River. Ownership includes State Parks (south side of river, east of Highway 1 bridge) and private property. Tidally influenced river mouth crossing a wide sandy beach. Channel fixed alongside bedrock scarp on the north side of valley. A very well developed marsh system exists landward of state hwy 1 bridge (about .33 mile upriver of mouth).

#### SEASONAL and SPECIAL RESOURCE CONCERN

The marsh provides habitat for many kinds of ducks and shorebirds that forage there year round. Salmonid migrations through the estuary would occur mostly during high water flow events during winter and spring.

#### RESOURCES OF PRIMARY CONCERN

Marsh system upriver of mouth

Eelgrass and associated communities in estuary

Snowy plover (FT)(01-12), FWS Critical Habitat, nesting period (03-08). Nests directly on sand within dunes. Raptors incl. Osprey (01-12).

Brant

Globose dune beetle

Tidewater goby (FE,SSC)(01-12) in estuary, FWS Critical Habitat

Anadromous salmonids: Coho salmon (FE,SE) and Steelhead (FT):

- spawning runs (09-06)

- smolts/juveniles (02-08)

Surf smelt and night smelt spawning (04-08)

Surfperch spawn (04-08)

Juvenile Dungeness crab nursery area (07-10)

Eelgrass in estuary

Menzies wallflower (SE,FE), Leafy reed grass (CNPS List 4.2, CA Rare), Mendocino coast paintbrush (CNPS List 1B.2)

#### 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. Leigh Jordan, Coordinator of the Northwest Information Center (707) 588-8455.

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

Type	Name / Title	Organization	Phone
O		NORCOM State Parks Dispatch 24-hours	(916) 358-1300
T		California State Parks Mendocino District	(707) 937-5804
O		Mendocino County Sheriff's Dept.	(707) 463-4086
T		California Dept of Fish and Game, Fort Bragg	(707) 964-9078
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](http://www.californiacoastline.org)).

# 1-430 -A Site Strategy - Ten Mile River

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## CONCERNS and ADVICE to RESPONDERS:

Contact State Parks if response is necessary. Snowy plover critical habitat present on beach; may require biological monitors to avoid disturbance.

## HAZARDS and RESTRICTIONS:

## SITE STRATEGIES

Strategy 1-430.1 Objective: Boom oil to prevent spread on an incoming tide, and strand oil for easy collection on the south side of the estuary.

Boom from the rocky cliff face on the north and strand oil on the sand near the mouth of the river on the southern shore.

Strategy 1-430.2 Objective: Pre-clean the beach before oil arrives

Pre-clean the beach by moving debris above the incoming high tide height using hand crews. Restrict beach access points and keep traffic below the high tide line as this beach may have Snowy plover (listed species) nests on it.

## Table of Response Resources

strategy number	harbor boom	swamp boom	Other boom type	sorb boom	Anchoring no tvpe and gear	Boom boat	Skiffs punts	Skimmers No Type	Special Equipment or comment No and kinds	staff deploy	Staff tend
1-430.1	600	0	0	600	6 22-lb danforth		2	0	0	10	2
1-430.2	0	0	0	0	0		0	0	0	1	

## LOGISTICS

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

Take U.S. hwy 101 to Willits. Turn west on state hwy 20 and continue to state hwy 1 at Fort Bragg. Turn north on state hwy 1 and go north about 10 miles to Ten Mile River. Exit right onto dirt road at M.P. 69.22. Keep to right and follow for .4 miles to base of hill. Turn west (left) on small road (locked gate - get access from CA State Parks (707)937-5804) and follow for 1.8 miles. When road branches, go right, under hwy 1 Ten Mile River bridge. Continue about .5 mile to mouth of river. This site includes the tidally influenced estuary at the mouth of Ten Mile River. Ownership includes State Parks (south side of river, east of Highway 1 bridge) and private property.

**LAND ACCESS:** Locked Gate Access, contact State Parks (707) 937-5804

**WATER LOGISTICS:** Limited small punt hand launch only  
Limitations: depth, obstruction  
Launching, Loading, Docking  
and Services Available:

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

**COMMUNICATIONS PROBLEMS:** Remote, limited communications

## ADDITIONAL OPERATIONAL COMMENTS:

