

County: **Humboldt**
 USGS Quad: **Trinidad**

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

Latitude N
 41 06'
 Longitude W
 124 10'

Last Page Update : 7/1/1996

SITE DESCRIPTION:

Steep rugged coastline managed in part by State Parks (Patrick's Point, Trinidad State Beach) and offshore rocks are managed by BLM's California Coastal National Monument. Private properties present as well. Predominantly wave-cut platforms backed by gravel beaches. Pockets of fine to medium grained sand beaches. Exposed rock cliffs and many offshore rocks.

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

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. Seawater intakes for the HSU Marine laboratory are in the area.

Large seabird colonies offshore (01-12), serve as rookeries (03-09); 2004 COMU Estimates: Green Rock-24,000; Flatiron Rock-30,000; Pilot Rock-1300; White Rock-2800; Pelagic and Brandt's cormorants ~2,000 (2002). Pigeon guillemots, Cassin's auklet (SSC), Western gull, Black oystercatcher, Fork-tailed storm petrel (SSC), Rhinoceros auklet, and Tufted puffin (SSC) also present.

River otters, Harbor seals, California sea lions throughout area.

Juvenile rockfish nursery habitat

Coastal cutthroat trout (SSC)(01-12) and Steelhead (FT) may be present in coastal streams throughout area. Anadromous when streams flow to ocean.

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) 373-3710, the State Office of Historical Preservation (916) 445-7000, and/or Mr. Bryan Much, 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		HSU Trinidad Marine Laboratory	(707) 826-5555
E		Humboldt County Sheriff	(707) 445-7251
O		Northern Communications (24hr)	(916) 358-0333
T		North Coast Redwoods District	(707) 445-6547
O		City of Trinidad	(707) 677-0223
T	David Ledig Manager	BLM California Coastal National Monument	(831) 630-5006
O	Troy Nicolini	National Weather Service Woodley Island	(707) 442-2171
T	Bob Pagliuco	NOAA/Nat'l Marine Fisheries Service	(707) 834-2215
T	Bill Pinnix	USFWS Arcata Field Office	(707) 845-6858
T	Joe Rollings Dockmaster	Trinidad Rancheria	(707) 599-0125

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).

1-235 -A Site Strategy - Patrick's Point to Trinidad Head

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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:

Extreme current, high energy shoreline, offshore rocks. Beaches may be steep at times.

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 1-235.1 Objective: Protect with off-site response measures only.

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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
1-235.1	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0 Protect with off-site response measures only.		

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. Take Patricks Point State Park exit, M.P. 105.926 onto Patricks Point Drive. Parking and access available at several locations within park. Trinidad State Beach - from hwy 101 take Trinidad exit, M.P. 100.644. Turn left onto Main Street, then right onto Stagecoach Road to beach. Also from Main Street turn left onto Edwards Street to the beach parking area at the end of Edwards Street. Steep rugged coastline managed in part by State Parks (Patrick's Point, Trinidad State Beach) and offshore rocks are managed by BLM's California Coastal National Monument. Private properties present as well.

LAND ACCESS: some beach areas accessible by foot trail only

WATER LOGISTICS: Offshore response only

Limitations: depth, obstruction

Launching, Loading, Docking There is a small lauch facility in Trinidad Harbor.
and Services Available:

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

There are camping areas inside of the park which could serve as staging areas for local beach response purposes.

COMMUNICATIONS PROBLEMS:

ADDITIONAL OPERATIONAL COMMENTS:

