

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

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

Latitude N
 41 00'
 Longitude W
 124 07'

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SITE DESCRIPTION:

This site begins at the mouth of the Little River and extends south to the mouth of the Mad River. Clam Beach is managed by Humboldt County Parks. The beaches have fine to medium grain sand. Small tidal inlets at Strawberry and Patrick Creeks are present on the site.

SEASONAL and SPECIAL RESOURCE CONCERN

Snowy Plovers (FT) may be present year round. Nesting occurs from approximately March through August.

RESOURCES OF PRIMARY CONCERN

Contact Humboldt County Parks for guidance prior to initiating response. Clam beach is snowy plover breeding habitat above the high tide line (Critical Habitat). Nests are difficult to see and easy to step on. Responders should minimize traffic routes and try to limit activity to the area below the high tide line. Avoid areas enclosed by symbolic fencing or otherwise marked as nesting habitat.

Snowy plover (FT) (01-12); FWS Critical Habitat, nesting (03-08)

Coastal Cutthroat trout (SSC) may be present in Strawberry and Patrick Creeks. These trout may be anadromous and present through beach area if creeks have enough flow.

Pacific razor clams (01-12) and Dungeness crabs utilize the inter and subtidal zones. Clams burrow into the sand. Crabs may bury themselves to the tops of the carapace.

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
T		Northern Communications (24hr)	(916) 358-0333
E		Humboldt County Sheriff	(707) 445-7251
T		Humboldt County Parks	(707) 445-7651
O		The Friends of the Dunes	(707) 444-1397
T		North Coast Redwoods District	(707) 445-6547
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

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).

1-250 -A Site Strategy - Clam Beach

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CONCERNS and ADVICE to RESPONDERS:

Snowy plover may be present year round.

HAZARDS and RESTRICTIONS:

SITE STRATEGIES

Strategy 1-250.1 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 tvpe and gear	Boom boat	Skiffs punts	Skimmers No Type	Special Equipment or comment No and kinds	staff deploy	Staff tend
1-250.1	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 Clam Beach County Park exit. Turn left under freeway overpass and then continue left on Clam Beach County Park Road. Parking areas available on the west side of this road. This site begins at the mouth of the Little River and extends south to the mouth of the Mad River. Clam Beach is managed by Humboldt County Parks.

LAND ACCESS: Beach has drive on access. 4WD and heavy equipment accessible.

WATER LOGISTICS: No on site boat launching facilities

Limitations: depth, obstruction

Launching, Loading, Docking

and Services Available:

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

The large beach parking lot could be used for staging equipment for local response purposes. Public restrooms at the 2nd parking area, and campgrounds are the only other assets available to responders. No phones.

COMMUNICATIONS PROBLEMS:

ADDITIONAL OPERATIONAL COMMENTS:

