

County: **Humboldt**  
 USGS Quad: **Humboldt Fields Landing**

Thomas Guide Location  
 CA Road Atlas  
 NOAA Chart: **18622**

Latitude N Longitude W  
 40 43' 45" 124 15'W

Last Page Update : 7/1/1996

#### SITE DESCRIPTION:

This site includes the 4.5 mile long sand spit running from the the base of Table Bluff at the south end of Humboldt Bay to the jetty. Land management includes the Mike Thompson Wildlife Area managed by BLM, USFWS's Humboldt Bay National Wildlife Refuge on the bay side, and Table Bluff County Park at the south end of the spit. Access to the north end of CDFW's Eel River Wildlife Area is also possible here. Site is associated with the following State Marine Protected Area: South Humboldt Bay SMRMA. Fine to medium grain sand beach on the ocean side, backed by vegetated dunes. Mudflats on bay side.

#### SEASONAL and SPECIAL RESOURCE CONCERN

This is a high bird use area year round.

#### RESOURCES OF PRIMARY CONCERN

The bay side of the spit has extensive wetlands and saltmarsh that would be difficult to clean-up if oil enters that environment. Nesting snowy plover on beach side.

Waterfowl, shorebirds, waterbirds, wading birds (01-12), large numbers of brant (10-04)  
 California brown pelican (04-11), Snowy plover (FT)(01-12), FWS Critical Habitat, nesting period (03-08).  
 Nests directly on sand within dunes.

harbor seals in bay

eelgrass beds in bay

#### 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		BLM 24 hour dispatch	(707) 268-2000
T		CA Dept of Fish and Wildlife, Wildlife Area	(707) 445-6493
C		Table Bluff Reservation Wiyot Tribe	(707) 733-5055
T		Humboldt County Parks	(707) 445-7651
T		Bureau of Land Management-Arcata Field Office	(707) 825-2300
T	Eric Nelson Refuge Manager	Humboldt Bay NWR Complex	(707) 733-5406
O	Troy Nicolini	National Weather Service Woodley Island	(707) 442-2171
T	Becky Ota Marine Conservation Mgr	CDFW Marine Protected Areas Program	(650) 631-6789
T	Bob Pagliuco	NOAA/Nat'l Marine Fisheries Service	(707) 834-2215
T	Bill Pinnix	USFWS Arcata Field Office	(707) 845-6858
T	Steve Wertz Senior Env. Scientist	CDFW Marine Protected Areas Program	(562) 342-7184

#### 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)).

# 1-360 -A Site Strategy - South Spit

County and Thomas Guide Location

CA Road Atlas Humboldt

NOAA CHART

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## CONCERNS and ADVICE to RESPONDERS:

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Oiling of sloughs and marsh complexes on bay side could cause long term damage to important habitats. Avoid anchoring in eelgrass beds. Contact BLM prior to initiating any response or clean up here due to presence of snowy plover on beach and dunes.

## HAZARDS and RESTRICTIONS:

Locked gates between dusk and dawn.

## 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 1-360.1 Objective: Prevent spilled oil from floating to this site.

Conventional on-scene response is not possible at this site. Protect with off site 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
1-360.1	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0		

## LOGISTICS

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

Go south on U.S. hwy 101 to Hookton Road overpass M.P. 68.116. From stop sign, continue west (straight ahead) on Hookton Road to Table Bluff Road. Continue in same direction. The road will become South Jetty Road and run the length of the South Jetty terminating at the entrance channel. The gate key can be obtained by contacting BLM or the Humboldt County Sheriff if necessary to access site after hours. This site includes the 4.5 mile long sand spit running from the the base of Table Bluff at the south end of Humboldt Bay to the jetty. Land management includes the Mike Thompson Wildlife Area managed by BLM, USFWS's Humboldt Bay National Wildlife Refuge on the bay side, and Table Bluff County Park at the south end of the spit. Access to the north end of CDFW's Eel River Wildlife Area is also possible here. Site is associated with the following State Marine Protected Area: South Humboldt Bay SMRMA.

**LAND ACCESS:** Call Humboldt County Sheriff or BLM for key to gate

**WATER LOGISTICS:** n/a

Limitations: depth, obstruction

Launching, Loading, Docking n/a  
and Services Available:

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

Small parking lot at Table Bluff County Park and additional lots along South Jetty Road may provide local staging needs

### COMMUNICATIONS PROBLEMS:

### ADDITIONAL OPERATIONAL COMMENTS:

