

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

Thomas Guide Location
 CA Road Atlas
 NOAA Chart: **18620**

Latitude N Longitude W
 39 42' 30" 123 48' 30"

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SITE DESCRIPTION:

This site is a small tidal inlet at the mouth of Hardy Creek. The site is private property. Offshore rocks in the area are managed by BLM as part of the California Coastal National Monument. Small stream incises a sand and gravel beach and abuts a bedrock bluff on the northside of the valley. The narrow beach has a well developed storm berm. During severe storm conditions the entire beach is apparently overwashed, as evidenced by the presence of large logs up in the marsh on the south side of valley.

SEASONAL and SPECIAL RESOURCE CONCERN

Any response at this location would occur when oil threatens to enter the marsh by overwashing the berm or when the inlet mouth is open.

RESOURCES OF PRIMARY CONCERN

Marsh system behind beach forms small wetland.

Shorebirds and waterfowl utilize estuary and marsh habitat behind beach.

Anadromous salmonids:

Coho salmon (FE/SE), steelhead trout (FT), Chinook salmon (FT) - all life stages, estuary use year round

Red abalone

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 | | Mendocino County Sheriff's Dept. | (707) 463-4086 |
| T | | CA Dept of Fish and Wildlife, Fort Bragg | (707) 964-9078 |
| E/T | David Ledig Manager | BLM California Coastal National Monument | (831) 630-5006 |
| O | Troy Nicolini | National Weather Service Woodley Island | (707) 442-2171 |
| T | Joe Pecharich | NOAA/Nat'l Marine Fisheries Service | (707) 583-3189 |
| 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).

1-416 -A Site Strategy - Hardy 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:

Private property.

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 1-416.1 Objective: Fly over or visit site to determine if any response is needed

This site will probably not benefit from on-site deployment of protection equipment. Site response will likely be limited to oil removal from off the beach.

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.)

Take U.S. hwy 101 north to state route 1 at Leggett. Follow state route 1 south to private road at M.P. 83.78. Follow this access road until it terminates at the head of the marsh/wetland. Road ends here, it does not access the beach. Proceed by foot. Beach access by steep foot path from state hwy 1 M.P. 83.53. This site is a small tidal inlet at the mouth of Hardy Creek. The site is private property. Offshore rocks in the area are managed by BLM as part of the California Coastal National Monument.

LAND ACCESS: Foot access only

WATER LOGISTICS:

Limitations: depth, obstruction
Launching, Loading, Docking
and Services Available:

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

Very small roadside turn out for staging limited local response equipment. No utilities or facilities.

COMMUNICATIONS PROBLEMS: Remote, limited communications

ADDITIONAL OPERATIONAL COMMENTS:

