

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

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

Latitude N
 39 32'
 Longitude W
 123 46' 30"

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SITE DESCRIPTION:

This site is within MacKerricher State Park managed by State Parks. This site is bounded roughly between the mouths of the two creeks that flow across the wide sandy beaches that are backed by vegetated dunes. Inglenook Creek and Sandhill Lake Creek (also known as Fen Creek in most State Parks documents) are seasonal creeks that flow across the beach. The presence of woody debris well back into the streams where they cross the dunes indicates considerable tidal and winter storm influence.

SEASONAL and SPECIAL RESOURCE CONCERN

These seasonal creeks may provide salmonid habitat during high flow regimes. Oil spill response at the mouths of these creeks is not likely to occur under these high flow conditions.

RESOURCES OF PRIMARY CONCERN

Marsh habitat within stream mouths. Dune vegetation.

Snowy plover (FT)(01-12), FWS Critical Habitat, nesting period (March 15-Sept 15). Nests directly on sand within dunes.

Globose dune beetle (01-12) found within area of two creeks
 Northern red-legged frog (SSC) in creeks

Anadromous salmonids:

Coho salmon (FE/SE), steelhead trout (FT), Chinook salmon (FT) - all life stages, estuary use year round
 tidewater goby (FE,SSC) may be present

Howell's spinniflower (FE,ST) Menzies wallflower (SE, FE), Leafy reed grass (CNPS List 4.2, CA Rare) found within area of two creeks

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		Northern Communications (24hr)	(916) 358-0333
T	Sector Superintendent	California State Parks Mendocino District	(707) 937-5804
O		Mendocino County Sheriff's Dept.	(707) 463-4086
T		CA Dept of Fish and Wildlife, Fort Bragg	(707) 964-9078
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).

1-432 -B Site Strategy - Inglenook Creek and Sandhill Lake Creek

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CONCERNS and ADVICE to RESPONDERS:

Clean up at this site would probably be a part of a larger effort to clean the entire beach from Pudding Creek to 10 Mile River. Getting access and controlling public use on this popular recreational bike and jogging path between Pudding Creek and Ward Avenue will require coordination with the local agencies and State Parks.

HAZARDS and RESTRICTIONS:

The site is remote and can only be accessed by foot or from all-terrain vehicles after authorization by State Parks. No access from old Haul Road.

SITE STRATEGIES

The beach is designated by FWS as Snowy plover Critical Habitat. Contact State Parks prior to initiating any response here for access authorization. These shorebirds lay eggs in small cryptic nests at the upper tidal edge. Responders must keep their activity on paths below this area when working on the beach. Coordinate designated access paths with State Parks to and from the beach to minimize potential impacts from response traffic when working in this area. Authorization and monitoring required.

Strategy 1-432.1 Objective: General response clean up after the beach has been oiled.

When personnel are sent to this site, they should be prepared to create authorized access corridors across any dunes to the wet sand zone on the beach with State Parks. Workers should generally stay away from the upper intertidal sandy beach habitat where snowy plovers may be nesting. Peak nesting period occurs from March 15-Sept 15.

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
1-432.1	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.)

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. Same access as for Ten Mile River (1-430-A) into the general area of the two creeks. Inglenook Creek is about 2 miles south of the mouth of Ten Mile River and is only accessible by foot or all-terrain vehicles after authorization from State Parks. Sandhill Lake Creek (aka Fen Creek) is south of Inglenook Creek by about .4 mile and has similar access restrictions. The access gate near Ten Mile River is locked, but keys can be obtained from Caltrans. Note: no access from old Haul Road but access from south may be authorized from Ward Avenue. This site is within MacKerricher State Park managed by State Parks.

LAND ACCESS: Foot or all-terrain vehicles. Locked gates.

WATER LOGISTICS: Water access is probably not an option at this site.
Limitations: depth, obstruction
Launching, Loading, Docking
and Services Available:

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

The nearest large staging area is in Fort Bragg Harbor.

COMMUNICATIONS PROBLEMS:

ADDITIONAL OPERATIONAL COMMENTS:

