

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

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

Latitude N Longitude W
 39 25' 30" 123 48' 30"

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SITE DESCRIPTION:

This site includes the mouth of Noyo River and the tidally influenced estuary upstream approximately two miles to Dolphin Cove marina. Site is associated with BLM's California Coastal National Monument resources. Permanently stabilized inlet subject to large waves, strong tidal currents, and strong river outflow. A fine/medium grained sand beach lies just north of the jetty. The entire shoreline between jetties and the state hwy 1 bridge is gravel or riprap. Both sides of the river channel for about .75 mile upriver is highly developed with piers on pilings.

Two marinas exist in the river. A large marina for commercial and recreational boats is located about .75 mile upriver. A smaller marina named Dolphin Cove is located about 2 miles upriver.

SEASONAL and SPECIAL RESOURCE CONCERN

RESOURCES OF PRIMARY CONCERN

Marsh and estuary

Coastal seabirds, shorebirds, waterfowl
 Osprey (01-12)

Harbor seals and sea lions

Anadromous salmonids: Coho salmon (FE,SE), Chinook salmon (FT), and Steelhead (FT):

- spawning runs (09-06)
- juveniles/smolts (02-08)

Groundfish (EFH)

Surfperch and Surf smelt spawn on the outer beaches

juvenile Dungeness crab nursery (07-10)

red abalone

Eelgrass in estuary

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
E		Dolphin Cove Marina	(707) 964-4113
O		Fort Bragg VFD 24-hour Dispatch	(707) 459-5336
T		Noyo Port District	(707) 964-4719
O		Mendocino County Sheriff's Dept.	(707) 463-4086
O		Ft. Bragg Police Department	(707) 964-0200
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).

1-444 -A Site Strategy - Noyo Harbor Entrance and Dolphin Cove

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CONCERNS and ADVICE to RESPONDERS:

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HAZARDS and RESTRICTIONS:

The mouth of the harbor has severe tidal currents that will make any booming efforts difficult if not impossible to do safely.

SITE STRATEGIES

Strategy 1-444.1 Objective: Collect oil on an incoming tide to prevent spread into the inner harbor

Place boom in the channel to passively move oil to a skimming system.

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
1-444.1	1200	0	0	1200	12 22lb+ danforth anchors	1	0	1 SPS/SFS 1	Crane for deploying the skimmer or barge	10	4

LOGISTICS

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

Noyo Harbor entrance: from U.S. hwy 101 at Willits, take state hwy 20 to state hwy 1 at Fort Bragg. Turn north on state hwy 1 and continue to north side of the Noyo River bridge. Turn east on North Harbor Drive and continue to its end (about 1 mile).

Dolphin Cove: from hwy 20, .25 mile east of hwy 1, turn north on South Harbor Drive. Go .25 mile to base of grade and turn right on Basin Street. Follow Basin Street past USCG station and harbormaster's office to its end at Dolphin Cove Marina (1.5 miles). This site includes the mouth of Noyo River and the tidally influenced estuary upstream approximately two miles to Dolphin Cove marina. Site is associated with BLM's California Coastal National Monument resources.

LAND ACCESS: Site is accessible for large truck traffic.

WATER LOGISTICS: Boat ramps available at this site

Limitations: depth, obstruction

Launching, Loading, Docking
and Services Available:

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

This site can serve as a large equipment staging area for large regional area response purposes. Fuel, lodging, food, water, phones, and restroom facilities are all locally available for response needs.

COMMUNICATIONS PROBLEMS:

ADDITIONAL OPERATIONAL COMMENTS:

