

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

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

Latitude N Longitude W  
 39 12' 30" 123 46' 30"

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#### SITE DESCRIPTION:

This site includes the mouth of Big Salmon Creek and nearby shoreline of Whitesboro Cove and Salmon Point. Offshore rocks in the area are managed by BLM as part of the California Coastal National Monument. Rocky bluffs, offshore rocks, and tidal inlet to Big Salmon Creek. Fine to medium grained sandy beach on the northside of the creek. Fringing marsh within Big Salmon Creek.

#### SEASONAL and SPECIAL RESOURCE CONCERN

Salmonid migrations would occur mostly during high water flow events during winter and spring. Oiling of the stream mouth could cause long lasting damage to the fish living in this watershed.

#### RESOURCES OF PRIMARY CONCERN

Limited area of habitat impact on extreme high tides where oiling, and the resulting need for cleaning, could be minimized especially when dealing with persistent products.

Seabirds, shorebirds, waterfowl, raptors. Nesting seabird colonies: pelagic cormorant, Pigeon guillemot, Black oystercatcher, Western gull (03-09). The small marsh is visited by foraging shorebirds and waterfowl (mergansers, grebes)

California brown pelican (04-11)

Osprey (01-12)

Canada geese

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

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

Groundfish (EFH)

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
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](http://www.californiacoastline.org)).

# 1-470 -A Site Strategy - Salmon Point and Big Salmon 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:

Extreme currents, offshore rocks, high energy shoreline

## SITE STRATEGIES

### Strategy 1-470.1 Objective: Filter Fence

Movement of oil upstream could be minimized by the installation of filter fence.

### 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
1-470.1	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	1	200 pompoms & fence material	3	

## LOGISTICS

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

From U.S. hwy 101 at Cloverdale, take state hwy 128 to state hwy 1 at the mouth of the Navarro River. Go north on hwy 1 to M.P. 43.50 (north end of Salmon Creek bridge) and turn west on Spring Grove Road (county route 401). Proceed downhill to residences along creek mouth (about 2 miles). This site includes the mouth of Big Salmon Creek and nearby shoreline of Whitesboro Cove and Salmon Point. 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:

No staging in this area

**COMMUNICATIONS PROBLEMS:** Remote, limited communications

### ADDITIONAL OPERATIONAL COMMENTS:

