

County: **Mendocino**
 USGS Quad: **Mallo Pass Creek**

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

Latitude N Longitude W
 39 01' 30" 123 41' 30"

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SITE DESCRIPTION:

Irish Gulch is a small stream with a small tidal estuary and beach backed with large amounts of woody debris. Private access to beach owned/managed by Irish Beach Rental Agency. Seasonal inlet to Irish Gulch. Access is restricted by locked gates and a one way road.

SEASONAL and SPECIAL RESOURCE CONCERN

The marsh provides habitat for many kinds of ducks and shorebirds that forage there year round. Salmonid migrations through the estuary would occur mostly during high water flow events during winter and spring.

RESOURCES OF PRIMARY CONCERN

small estuary and marsh

Shorebirds, seabirds, raptors

Anadromous salmonids:

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

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
E	Gordon Moores	Irish Beach Rental Agency	(707) 882-2467
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).

1-480 -C Site Strategy - Irish Gulch

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CONCERNS and ADVICE to RESPONDERS:

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Irish Beach is a natural collection point for large woody debris. This material can become a long term source for re-oiling once oiled which can greatly increase the long term damage to the environment unless it is prevented from becoming oiled, or removed and disposed of once it is oiled.

HAZARDS and RESTRICTIONS:

SITE STRATEGIES

Precleaning at this site may save a lot of disposal or clean up costs if black oil threatens this beach. Large amounts of heavy woody debris often collect on this beach. Moving this material above the high tide line before oil arrives should be considered when and if response time allows.

Strategy 1-480.1 Objective: Pre-clean the beach of heavy woody debris before oil arrives.

Using heavy equipment, move large woody debris above the swash line. IC should pre-evaluate the execution of this activity since the site is large and the debris load extremely heavy.

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
1-480.1	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	Protect with off-site response measures only.		

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 128 just north of Cloverdale. Follow state route 128 to state hwy 1. Go south on state hwy 1. Exit west from hwy 1 at M.P. 25.37, onto a very narrow single lane road with sharp switchbacks. Exit the beach (road is marked) along a similar road that tends to have fewer turns. The exit is at M.P. 25.57. The exit road would serve as an access road for a front end loader or bulldozer. The access road is gated and a key must be obtained from Irish Beach Rental Agency (Mr. William Moores) at about M.P. 25.37. Irish Gulch is a small stream with a small tidal estuary and beach backed with large amounts of woody debris. Private access to beach owned/managed by Irish Beach Rental Agency.

LAND ACCESS: Locked gate access. Contact Irish Beach Rental Agency.

WATER LOGISTICS:

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

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

COMMUNICATIONS PROBLEMS: Remote, limited communications

ADDITIONAL OPERATIONAL COMMENTS: Contact Irish Beach Rental Agency to facilitate access

