

County: **Mendocino**
 USGS Quad: **Point Arena**

Thomas Guide Location
 CA Road Atlas
 NOAA Chart: **18640**

Latitude N Longitude W
 38 57' 30" 123 44'

Last Page Update : 7/1/1996

SITE DESCRIPTION:

This site includes the tidal estuaries of the Garcia River and several smaller seasonal streams. This site includes BLM's Stornetta Public Lands and the adjacent Manchester State Park. Tidal inlet to the Garcia River and seasonal tidal inlets to Brush Creek, Lagoon Lake (also known as Hunter's Lagoon), and Lake Davis. Approximately 4 miles of sandy beach ranging from fine to coarse between Garcia River and Alder Creek. First response will probably be limited to the booming of the Garcia River if conditions safely allow that response activity.

SEASONAL and SPECIAL RESOURCE CONCERN

The marsh provides habitat for many kinds of waterfowl, waterbirds, 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

Area is home to an isolated population of Pt Arena Mountain Beaver. Stay on the roads to avoid burrow destruction. The beach is suitable habitat for Snowy Plover. California Red-legged frog present.

Snowy Plover (FT)(01-12), FWS Critical Habitat, nesting 03-08;
 seabirds, shorebirds, waterfowl. Caspian tern, Pelagic cormorant, Black oystercatcher, Pigeon guillemot

Pt. Arena Mountain Beaver (FE,SSC)

California red-legged frog (FT)

Behren's silverspot butterfly (FE)

Lotis blue butterfly (FE), historical location

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

- spawning runs (09-06)

- juveniles/smolt (02-08)

Tidewater goby (FE)(01-12) have been observed in Lagoon Lake

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
T		BLM Ukiah Field Office	(707) 468-4000
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
E		Point Arena Lighthouse Keepers	(707) 882-2777
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).

1-484 -A Site Strategy - Garcia River and Manchester State Beach

County and Thomas Guide Location
CA Road Atlas Mendocino

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CONCERNS and ADVICE to RESPONDERS:

Last Page Update :

The estuary upstream of the river mouth attracts lots of water birds. The marsh would be difficult to clean if it becomes oiled. Contact State Parks prior to initiating response due to presence of endangered Pt. Arena Mountain Beaver and threatened snowy plover in area.

HAZARDS and RESTRICTIONS:

The area just south of this site is a high energy shoreline that is typically not safe for on water response in the near shore where submerged rocky reef is the dominant habitat feature. There is no vehicle access to the north; limited access by all-terrain vehicles may be possible at Stoneboro Rd. Contact State Parks for authorization.

SITE STRATEGIES

Strategy 1-484.1 Objective: Pre-clean debris before oil arrives.

Pre-clean debris before oil arrives.

Strategy 1-484.2 Objective: Prevent oiling of Lake Davis, Brush Creek and Lagoon Lake wetlands when high surf could push oil over the beachface.

Visually check by overflight or on scene observations to ensure that oil is not being washed over the foredunes. On scene prevention response should be coordinated with State Parks personnel.

Strategy 1-484.3 Objective: Boom from the rock face to beach oil on the back side of the sand spit.

Deployment may be possible during medium freshwater outflows when oceanic wave action is low or moderate.

Diversionary boom could be used to divert oil out of the current and onto the shore or to a suitable collection point where a skimmer can be operated. Place sorbent boom or pompoms upstream of the oil to limit spread on incoming tides.

Strategy 1-484.4 Objective: Suck oil off the beach from a skimmer or a boat when large enough quantities are available for recovery using a vac truck.

A skimmer truck can access the parking lot at the end of Kinney Road. Oil that has been collected off the beach can be sucked into a vac truck by stretching a large hose (400'+) from the parking lot to the beach. This minimizes the amount of traffic traveling through endangered Mountain Beaver habitat in the dune areas.

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
1-484.1	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	100 trash bags & rakes	10	
1-484.2	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0		
1-484.3	600	0	0	0	3 22 lb +Danforth anchors	0	1	0	0	5	5
1-484.4	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	1 Vac truck and long hose (400' ++)	2	

LOGISTICS

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

From U.S. hwy 101, go north to state hwy 128 just north of Cloverdale. Follow state hwy 128 to state hwy 1. Go south on state hwy 1 to Stoneboro Road (note coastal access sign at intersection) and turn west. Continue to parking lot. Continue on foot, across dunes, to beach. Walk south on the beach (appx. 1 mile) to the mouth of the Garcia River.

Lagoon Lake (aka Hunter's Lagoon): walk north on the beach for about 1 mile from the parking lot on Stoneboro Road.

Brush Creek: take Kinney Rd (appx .5 mile N of the town of Manchester) west from state hwy 1 to its end near the beach.

Walk across the dunes to the creek. The inlet may be located south of Kinney Rd access.

Lake Davis: all-terrain vehicle access may be possible seasonally from gated/locked access road, appx 0.2 mi S of Alder Creek Rd. Contact State Parks for directions, authorization and key. This site includes the tidal estuaries of the Garcia River and several smaller seasonal streams. This site includes BLM's Stornetta Public Lands and the adjacent Manchester State Park.

LAND ACCESS: ATV on trails. Some areas w/ seasonal locked gates. Contact State Park

WATER LOGISTICS:

Limitations: depth, obstruction

Launching, Loading, Docking
and Services Available:

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

Local staging with moderate amounts of space can be found at the end of Stoneboro Road and also at the end of Kinney Road. Kinney Road has pit toilets and non-potable water, with good access for Vac truck response. KOA Camping, lodging, and fuel can be found in Pt. Arena. Supplies may also be found at the hardware store in town.

COMMUNICATIONS PROBLEMS: Remote, limited communications

ADDITIONAL OPERATIONAL COMMENTS:

