

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

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

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

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SITE DESCRIPTION:

This site includes the coastline between Point Arena and Arena Cove including the port and pier near the town of Point Arena. Offshore rocks in the area are managed by BLM as part of the California Coastal National Monument. This site is within the following State Marine Protected Area(s): Point Arena SMR, Point Arena SMCA, and Sea Lion Cove SMCA. Rocky headlands and offshore rocks

SEASONAL and SPECIAL RESOURCE CONCERN

Breeding seabirds will use these rocks for nesting in the spring. Offshore rocks provide roosting and nesting habitat for birds and haul out locations for marine mammals. Care should be taken so that response activities do not flush wildlife from these areas. The offshore rocks have cultural significance for local tribes.

RESOURCES OF PRIMARY CONCERN

The rocks are sensitive to human intrusion year round, especially during nesting season (03-09) when the adults are on eggs and until the young have fledged from the nest.

Seabird colonies, primarily Pigeon guillemots and Pelagic cormorants
 Laysan albatross seasonally

marine mammals

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		Northern Communications (24hr)	(916) 358-0333
T	Sector Superintendent	California State Parks Mendocino District	(707) 937-5804
O		Point Arena Pier	(707) 882-2583
O		Wharfmaster's	(707) 882-3171
O		Mendocino County Sheriff's Dept.	(707) 463-4086
E		Point Arena Lighthouse Keepers	(707) 882-2777
T	David Ledig Manager	BLM California Coastal National Monument	(831) 630-5006
O	Troy Nicolini	National Weather Service Woodley Island	(707) 442-2171
T	Becky Ota Marine Conservation Mgr	CDFW Marine Protected Areas Program	(650) 631-6789
T	Joe Pecharich	NOAA/Nat'l Marine Fisheries Service	(707) 583-3189
T	Bill Pinnix	USFWS Arcata Field Office	(707) 845-6858
T	Steve Wertz Senior Env. Scientist	CDFW Marine Protected Areas Program	(562) 342-7184

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).

1-486 -B Site Strategy - Point Arena

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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, short steep beaches in some areas.

SITE STRATEGIES

This site is best protected by preventing the oil from arriving here, when possible. Off site response options including dispersants should be considered.

Strategy 1-486.1 Objective: Minimize shoreline impacts by offshore response. Open coastal rocky shore conditions will usually preclude on-site response here.

Off site alternative response strategies should be considered when applicable. Dispersion may be the only viable response option.

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
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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. To reach the point and lighthouse, turn west onto Lighthouse Road. This road runs along the bluffs near the ocean. Beach access is not possible. The Lighthouse grounds area is open from 11:00 to 14:30. Check the Coastal Resource Guide for contacts to access grounds at other times. To reach the port and Arena Cove, turn west on Port Rd in town of Point Arena and follow to end of road. This site includes the coastline between Point Arena and Arena Cove including the port and pier near the town of Point Arena. Offshore rocks in the area are managed by BLM as part of the California Coastal National Monument. This site is within the following State Marine Protected Area(s): Point Arena SMR, Point Arena SMCA, and Sea Lion Cove SMCA.

LAND ACCESS: Foot access only down steep cliffs

WATER LOGISTICS: Rocky coast with dangerous near shore conditions.
Limitations: depth, obstruction
Launching, Loading, Docking and Services Available: Boat launch by 10,000 lb. davit hoist at Arena Cove Pier

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

Staging is available at Arena Cove which is South on HWY 1 in the town of Pt. Arena. The pier is found off HWY 1 by turning onto Iversen Avenue and going east one mile. There is lodging, a coffee shop, restaurant, in the area. A marine hoist for launching boats on the pier, rest rooms and phones are also near by.

COMMUNICATIONS PROBLEMS: Remote, limited communications

ADDITIONAL OPERATIONAL COMMENTS:

