#### 2-963-A Site Summary - Turner-Empire Cut

County: San Joaquin ACP Division/Segment:

*NOAA Chart:* 18661 Sacramento & *Map Book:* SF Bay and Delta *Decimal Degrees:* 37.97131 -121.476749 San Joaquin River

## Site Description:

The site inclludes five miles of channel bordering south and east side of McDonald Island, from the Stockton Channel (R24) to Latham Slough (Mildred Island). Whiskey Slough forks off to southeast marking Turner from Empire Cuts. This is a deep water slough with rip-rapped levees with pockets of emergent freshwater marsh habitat. Berm and channel islands throughout its length are freshwater marsh fringe and have high ecological value. Currents can be strong in this slough.

# **Resources at Risk:**

ESI and Habitat: 6B Riprap

9B Vegetated low banks

10B Freshwater marshes

#### List of Resources at Risk:

	Resource Name	Status	Presence	Sensitivity
Fish	delta smelt	FT, SE		Mar-May
Fish	chinook salmon - Winter-run	FE, SE		Oct-May
Fish	steelhead - Central/Northern California	FT		Nov-Apr
Fish	longfin smelt	ST		Nov-May
Reptiles	giant garter snake	FT, ST		Jul-Oct

FT-Federally Threatened, FE-Federally Endangered, FP-Federally Protected, SE-State Endangered, ST-State Threatened, SP -State Protected, SR-State Rare, SSC-Species of Special Concern, BGEPA-Bald and Golden Eagle Protection Act, SSSP-State Special Status Species

## List of Key Contacts:

Туре	Name/Title	Organization	Phone
С	/Coordinator	Native American Heritage Commission	(916) 373-3710
С	/Coordinator	Northwest Information Center	(707) 588-8455
Е	/Manager	Central Delta Water Agency	(209) 969-7755
Е	/Engineer	Lower Jones Tract Reclamation District	(209) 969-7755
Е	/Office	McDonald Island Reclamation District	(209) 956-9940
Е	/Engineer	Terminous Tract Reclamation District	(209) 649-4555
Е	/Engineer	Terminous Tract Reclamation District	(209) 465-5883
0	/Dispatch, 24-hr	California Department of Water Resources	(916) 574-2714
S	/Dispatch, 24-hr	San Joaquin Office of Emergency Services	(209) 953-6200
Т	/Environmental Program Manager	CA Dept. of Fish & Wildlife, Bay Delta Region	(707) 576-2837
Т	/Restoration Ecologist	US Department of Agriculture	(530) 304-2304
Т	/Spill Response Coordinator	USFWS, SF Bay-Delta Office	(916) 799-0588

C – Cultural, Historic, Archaeological; E – Entry/Owner/Access; O – Other; S – Safety; T – Trustee; X – Exclusion or Security

### **Additional Site Summary Comments:**

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### **Concerns and Advice to Responders:**

The concern is two-fold: first, that oil will be transported though this site to other parts of the delta; and second, that marsh islands and margins will be come oiled. These marsh areas are sensitive and habitat to many sensitive species. There is always the concern of impacts from response and cleanup: trampling vegetation, disturbing wildlife, and tracking oil into marsh sediments.

### Hazard and Restrictions:

Aerial high wire hazards. Underwater cables and pipelines. Beware of Poison Oak.

### Site Strategies:

#### Site Validation Level: II

*Strategy:* **2-963.1** *Objective:* Exclude/contain oil At San Joaquin River (at Acker Island): Stop oil from entering or leaving slough mouth.

*Strategy:* For oil threats on the San Joaquin, this deployment should be done at the same time as strategy 2-040 San Joaquin River - Hog Island Cut Complex.

a) Set boom across slough mouth (400' Hboom). Anchor one boom end upstream near riprap bank of Roberts Isl. At R24. Anchor downstream boom end at the marsh beach of Acker Island, with substantial overlapping of Acker tip. Back with sorbent, leaving a trailing boom length to maintain seal during tidal vacillations.

B) Anchor exclusion boom across Turner Cut mouth from riprap levee of McDonald Isl easterly to Lost Isl Resort (200' Hboom.) Back with sorbent boom. Leave trailing boom ends to keep a tidal seal. Table of Response Resources

Equipment	Sub-Type	Size Unit	QTY Unit	Last Page Update
Boom	Harbor	9x9 inch	600 feet	-
Boom	Sorbent		600 feet	
Anchor	Danforth	25 lb	4	
Vessel	Skiff or Punt		1	
Staff	Staff to Deploy		3	

*Strategy:* **2-963.2** *Objective:* Exclusion/contain at south end - junction with Latham Slough at Mildred Island. Stop oil from entering or leaving slough mouth.

*Strategy:* Deploy 1220 ft of 9X9 Hboom across west end of Empire Cut on a diagonal favorable to divert oil to south shore. Anchor boom near riprap levees on each side leaving trailing ends to maintain tidal seal. Back with second layer of boom or sorbent boom. Strong current here. Collect oil at south bank (Lower Jones Tract) if oil is concentrated sufficiently for collection. Use 50ft of oil snare (OS), 100ft of sorbent boom to collect oil that may accumulate. If oil accumulates in skimmable quantities contact IC.

Table of Response Resources

Equipment	Sub-Type	Size Unit	QTY Unit	Last Page Update
Boom	Harbor	9x9 inch	1200 feet	
Boom	Oil Snare (pom-pom)		50 feet	
Boom	Sorbent		1320 feet	
Anchor	Danforth	25 lb	7	
Vessel	Boom Boat		1	
Vessel	Skiff or Punt		1	
Staff	Staff to Deploy		5	_

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#### Strategy: 2-963.3 Objective: Oil Recovery by Shoreside skimming

*Strategy:* Deploy skimmer if oil accumulates in skimmable quantities. Consult IC prior to the initiation of this strategy.

Table of Response Resources

Equipment	Sub-Type	Size Unit	QTY Unit	Last Page Update
skimmer	self propelled		1	
Staff	Staff to Deploy		3	_

#### Logistics:

*Directions:* Levee roads border this site on south and east are on Roberts Island and Lower Jones Tract and are accessible from Hwy 4 (Lower Jones road and McDonald Rd). North/west levee roads of McDonald Isl. are private. By water, site begins at Ship Channel light R24.

Land Access: Southeast levee roads paved and provide access.

On-Water Limitations: Nearby marinas include: Tiki Lagun Resort, Turner Cut Resort, Whiskey Slough Resort, and others.

*Facilities, Staging Areas, Command Posts, Available Equipment:* Roberts Island at Turner Cut/Stockton Channel junction is good major deployment site for this area. Adjacent levees and marinas are good for boom deployment and other response.

Communications Problems: Cell reception varies.

