

County: **Sonoma**

Thomas Guide Location

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USGS Quad: **7.5" Quad: STEWARTS POINT, CA**NOAA Chart: **18640**

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**SITE DESCRIPTION:**

At Del Mar Point a mile south of the Gualala River. Located at the northern end of the Sea Ranch Community. Site is within the following State Marine Protected Area: Del Mar Landing State Marine Reserve. Site is associated with BLM Ca Coastal National Monument resources. Shoreline of exposed rocky cliffs fronted by rocky intertidal wave cut platforms, boulders and offshore rocks. This is a California Dept. of Fish and Wildlife Ecological Reserve.

**SEASONAL and SPECIAL RESOURCE CONCERN**

Priority "B" all year. Extensive rocky intertidal habitat and harbor seal haul outs present all year. Seals pup from March through May.

**RESOURCES OF PRIMARY CONCERN**

Extensive rocky intertidal habitat, including tidepools, mussel beds and algal beds.

Intertidal areas used by a variety of shorebirds throughout the year but especially during spring and fall migrations.

Harbor seals use the outer rocky reefs to haul out throughout the year and occasionally have their pups in the spring.

Kelp forests are present offshore during the summer and into late fall.

The intertidal rocky platforms support the endangered black abalone, extensive mussel beds; rich assemblages of algae and invertebrates; tidepools with anemones, fishes, snails and crabs.

**CULTURAL, HISTORIC, and ARCHEOLOGICAL SENSITIVITIES**

Historically, a rich area of human inhabitation. Contact the California Dept of Parks and Recreation - Office of Historic Preservation (Eric Allison -(916) 653-9125), and the Northwest Information Center, (Bryan Much, Sonoma State College ((707) 332-1117)) for specific information on historic or cultural resources in this area.

**KEY CONTACTS: Trustee (T); Entry/Owner/Access (E); Cultural (C); or Other Assistance (O)**

Type	Name / Title	Organization	Phone
E/T		CA State Parks, Northern Comms Center (Dispatch)	(916) 358-0333
E	Sea Ranch Community Security	Sea Ranch Association	(707) 785-2701
T	David Ledig	BLM Ca Coastal Monument	(831) 630-5006
O	Becky Ota Marine Conservation MGR	CDFW Marine Protected Areas Program	(650) 631-6789
T	James Weigand	BLM Ca Coastal Monument	(916) 978-4656
O	Steve Wertz Senior Env.Scientist	CDFW Marine Protected Areas Program	(562) 342-7184

**ADDITIONAL SITE SUMMARY COMMENTS:**

## 2-103 -B Site Strategy - Del Mar Landing Ecological Reserve

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### CONCERNS and ADVICE to RESPONDERS:

Avoid contamination, trampling and further injury to rocky intertidal plants and animals, shorebirds, and harbor seals. Tidepools may trap and retain oil.

### HAZARDS and RESTRICTIONS:

Beware of the dangerous surf conditions. Also slippery rocky shoreline and steep bluffs pose slip and fall hazards. Private property.

## SITE STRATEGIES

### Strategy 2-103.1 Objective: Alternatives to mechanical protection

Because of high wave energy and rocky conditions at this site, mechanical shoreline protection techniques may not be possible. On-water containment and recovery efforts are the best available protection strategy.

- Pursue feasibility of alternative response technologies (e.g. dispersants and In-situ burning).
- Inspect beach for possible pre-cleaning.

### 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
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## LOGISTICS

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

Hwy 1 north of Jenner and Fort Ross towards Gualala. This site is adjacent to Sea Ranch property at northern end. Access is at the end of Helm Rd (a private Sea Ranch road - get a pass from Sea Ranch Security). Emergency access to the site from the bluffs which parallel the beach. At Del Mar Point a mile south of the Gualala River. Located at the northern end of the Sea Ranch Community. Site is within the following State Marine Protected Area: Del Mar Landing State Marine Reserve. Site is associated with BLM Ca Coastal National Monument resources.

**LAND ACCESS:** Vehicle access limited. Mostly foot access from parking area on bluff.

**WATER LOGISTICS:** Potentially large surf and offshore rocky reefs

Limitations: depth, obstruction

Launching, Loading, Docking and Services Available: None available locally

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

Nearest town is Gualala a few miles away. No boat or harbor services nearby. Staging for shoreline cleanup in possible parking areas and roads on bluffs above site.

### COMMUNICATIONS PROBLEMS:

**ADDITIONAL OPERATIONAL COMMENTS:** Communication via two-way radio and landline only.

