

County: Sonoma

USGS Quad: 7.5" Quad: Arched Rock, CA

Thomas Guide Location

Sonoma County

NOAA Chart: 18640

Latitude N

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Longitude W

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SITE DESCRIPTION:

Sand beach between headlands and creek/lagoon which flows across the beach. Russian Gulch is located within the Sonoma Coast State Park and is managed by California State Parks. Site is associated with BLM Ca Coastal National Monument resources. Small seasonal stream flows across coarse-grained sand beach. Stream can run strong at times. A thick riparian corridor is present along the creek between the parking lot and the beach. Beach is occasionally washed over by large waves or tides. A lagoon is often present behind beach berm.

SEASONAL and SPECIAL RESOURCE CONCERN

Priority "B" November through May for anadromous fish runs.

RESOURCES OF PRIMARY CONCERN

Steelhead trout and coho salmon present in the stream during the winter months. Marsh vegetation and riparian habitat in and along the stream.

A variety of seabirds (common murres, cormorants, grebes, gulls) and shorebirds (willets, plovers, sanderlings) use the beach and nearshore waters for foraging. A wide variety of terrestrial songbirds use the riparian habitat along the stream.

Coho salmon and steelhead trout.

Marsh vegetation in stream.

Thick riparian habitat along stream from parking lot to the beach.

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/T		CA State Parks Russian River District Office	(707) 865-2394
O	Jonathan Bishop Oil Spill Prgm Coord.	CA Coastal Commission	(415) 904-5247
O	Alison Detmer	CA Coastal Commission	(415) 904-5205
T	David Ledig	BLM Ca Coastal Monument	(831) 630-5006
T	James Weigand	BLM Ca Coastal Monument	(916) 978-4656

ADDITIONAL SITE SUMMARY COMMENTS:

2-119 -B Site Strategy - Russian Gulch

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CONCERNS and ADVICE to RESPONDERS:

Burial of oil in coarse sediments.

HAZARDS and RESTRICTIONS:

Heavy surf. Subject to large waves.

SITE STRATEGIES

Strategy 2-119.1 Objective: Exclude oil from entering stream. Contain oil at lower part of stream.

a) Construct sediment dike using heavy equipment small bulldozer or bobcat. Construct an underflow dam. Depending on tides and waves conditions, the beach berm may have to be built up to prevent washover into lagoon.

b) Protect marsh vegetation with sorbent boom trailing along shoreline (north side of river).

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.)

Hwy 1 just north of the Russian River exit at Jenner-Russian Gulch Park. Sand beach between headlands and creek/lagoon which flows across the beach. Russian Gulch is located within the Sonoma Coast State Park and is managed by California State Parks. Site is associated with BLM Ca Coastal National Monument resources.

LAND ACCESS: Russian Gulch parking is adjacent to Hwy 1. Access by foot trail.

WATER LOGISTICS: Possible submerged rocks, large surf

Limitations: depth, obstruction

Launching, Loading, Docking None
and Services Available:

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

Parking lot at Russian Gulch State Park.

COMMUNICATIONS PROBLEMS:

ADDITIONAL OPERATIONAL COMMENTS: May have to construct access road with heavy equipment.

