

2-125 -A/C Site Summary- Goat Rock Beach

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County: **Sonoma**

USGS Quad: **7.5" Quad: Arched Rock, CA**

Thomas Guide Location

Sonoma County

NOAA Chart: **18640**

Latitude N

3 8 27

Longitude W

123 07

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SITE DESCRIPTION:

Goat Rock Beach is located within the Sonoma Coast State Park and is managed by California State Parks. The Beach extends from the mouth of the Russian River south to Goat Rock, a linear distance of 0.7 mile. Site is associated with the following BLM Ca Coastal National Monument Site: Halfmile Rock. Medium-grained sand beach backed by large vegetated dunes. Beach is relatively wide and flat.

SEASONAL and SPECIAL RESOURCE CONCERN

Priority "A" site from May through July during smelt spawning. Remainder of year (August - April) this is a priority "C" site.

RESOURCES OF PRIMARY CONCERN

During spring and summer surf (Day) smelt use the beach to lay their eggs and spawn.

Shorebird use greatest during spring and fall migrations.

Harbor seals haul out at north end of beach at Russian River mouth.

Surf (Day) smelt spawning spring and summer.

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 Russian River District Office	(707) 865-2394
E/T		CA State Parks, Northern Comms Center (Dispatch)	(916) 358-0333
T	David Ledig	BLM Ca Coastal Monument	(831) 630-5006
T	James Weigand	BLM Ca Coastal Monument	(916) 978-4656

ADDITIONAL SITE SUMMARY COMMENTS:

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CONCERNS and ADVICE to RESPONDERS:

During smelt spawning oil and cleanup activities may damage eggs in beach sand.

HAZARDS and RESTRICTIONS:

Extreme surf and strong currents.

SITE STRATEGIES

Strategy 2-125.1 Objective: Minimize oiling and cleanup response vehicle traffic through intertidal zone of beach from May through August.

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

- a) Pursue feasibility of alternative response technologies (e.g. dispersant and in-situ burning)
- b) Booming is generally unfeasible due to wave energy. As water conditions permit, divert oil toward fine grain sand beaches for collection.
- c) Inspect shoreline for possible precleaning.

Can also use offshore skimming, manual removal, cold water flush and wash to remove pooled oil.

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.)

Off Hwy 1 south of Jenner, north of Bodega Bay. Access via Goat Rock Road. Goat Rock Beach is located within the Sonoma Coast State Park and is managed by California State Parks. The Beach extends from the mouth of the Russian River south to Goat Rock, a linear distance of 0.7 mile. Site is associated with the following BLM Ca Coastal National Monument Site: Halfmile Rock.

LAND ACCESS: Large trucks okay

WATER LOGISTICS: Large surf and breakers

Limitations: depth, obstruction

Launching, Loading, Docking and Services Available: None local. Bodega Bay is closest

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

County Park parking areas available at ends of beach. Nearest facilities at Bodega Bay and Jenner.

COMMUNICATIONS PROBLEMS:

ADDITIONAL OPERATIONAL COMMENTS:

