

County: **San Joaquin**
USGS Quad: **Clifton Court Forebay**

Thomas Guide Location
Bay and River A

Latitude N
3 7 49
Longitude W
121 33

NOAA Chart: **18661 Sacramento & San Joaquin River**

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SITE DESCRIPTION:

This reach extends from Old River and side channels along the southern margin of Pescadero Island to Salmon Slough. This reach contains tule berm islands and marshy/riparian margins with some upland habitat. Water depths range approximately two to three meters in depth. It has been designated as a natural area by Delta Master Recreational Plan.

SEASONAL and SPECIAL RESOURCE CONCERN

This site has "A" level sensitivity all year because of marshes and sensitive species. Also, the entrance to the Delta Mendota Canal is at the confluence with Old River.

RESOURCES OF PRIMARY CONCERN

There are marshy islands and margins.

The area is of major importance to migratory waterfowl. A variety of raptors including Swainsons Hawk (ST), waterfowl, herons, and egrets nest, roost and forage at this site.

River otter, beaver, muskrat, and western pond turtle are found here.

Bass are common.

Special Status Species found here include Mason's lilaeopsis (SR) and California hibiscus. In addition, tules are common at the site.

Willows and oaks are common.

CULTURAL, HISTORIC, and ARCHEOLOGICAL SENSITIVITIES

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
	John Henderson F/W Biologist	US Fish & Wildlife Service, Environmental Contam	(916) 414-6595
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ADDITIONAL SITE SUMMARY COMMENTS:

2-930 -A Site Strategy - Old River: Fabian Tract Reach

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CONCERNS and ADVICE to RESPONDERS:

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The concern is two-fold: first, that oil will be transported through this site to other parts of the delta; and second, that marshy islands and margins will become oiled. These marshy 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 marshes and mudflats.

HAZARDS and RESTRICTIONS:

Beware of shallow sloughs and submerged objects, water hyacinth choked water ways.

SITE STRATEGIES

Strategy 2-930.1 Objective: Divert and collect oil at the river confluence at Hammer Island.

Deploy harbor boom (<=18") across channels around Hammer Island to exclude oil from adjoining sloughs and to facilitate collection. Boom off/exclude oil from the two small channels west of Hammer Island. Set deflection boom in Old River channel at Hammer Island. Use 50ft of Oil Snare (OS), 100ft of sorbent boom to collect oil that may accumulate. Contact IC if oil accumulates in skimmable quantities.

Strategy 2-930.2 Objective: Oil Recovery by Shoreside skimming

Deploy skimmers across channels around Hammer Island to collect oil if it accumulates in skimmable quantities. Consult IC prior to the initiation of this strategy.

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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2-930.2	0	0	0	0	0		0	0	2	SSS	0		

LOGISTICS

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

Key access to site is from highway 4 east to the town of Byron. Take Byron Bethany Road south, and turn left on Lindeman Road to the boat ramp at the river confluence with the Delta Mendota Canal. This reach extends from Old River and side channels along the southern margin of Pescadero Island to Salmon Slough.

LAND ACCESS: 2WD, LG TRUCK, HVY EQ, 4WD, AT

WATER LOGISTICS: SMALL BOATS RECOMMENDED

Limitations: depth, obstruction

Launching, Loading, Docking and Services Available: Boat launching facilities for small boats (<20 ft.) are available at Del's Boat Harbor.

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

Facilities and deployment sites can be found/located at Del's Boat Harbor.

COMMUNICATIONS PROBLEMS:

ADDITIONAL OPERATIONAL COMMENTS:

