

County: **San Joaquin**
USGS Quad: **Woodward Island**

Thomas Guide Location

Latitude N
3 7 59

Longitude W
121 32

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

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SITE DESCRIPTION:

This site includes the flooded Mildred Island and adjacent Latham Slough from Empire Cut to Connection Slough. This site is a flooded island and adjacent slough. The flooded Mildred Island is surrounded by severely deteriorating levees which are covered with shrub and marsh vegetation. Latham Slough has several in-channel marsh islands and berms. This area has been designated as a "Significant Natural Area" by the Delta Levees Master Environmental Assessment.

SEASONAL and SPECIAL RESOURCE CONCERN

A year-round "A" priority for protection due to the extremely numerous and sensitive marsh islands and associated wildlife. Migratory waterfowl are numerous and vulnerable throughout the fall and winter months.

RESOURCES OF PRIMARY CONCERN

Marsh berms and island areas are a year-round priority. In fall and winter, this flooded island is a major area important to migratory waterfowl. Tule marshes of Latham Slough and Mildred Island levees are at risk.

California black rail (ST)

River otters, western pond turtle

Delta smelt (SE/FT), winter-run chinook salmon (SE,/FE), catfish, striped bass

tule

Mason's Lilaeopsis (SR), California hibiscus

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 |
| | Eric Larson | CA Dept. of Fish & Wildlife, Bay/Delta | (707) 944-5528 |
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ADDITIONAL SITE SUMMARY COMMENTS:

2-960 -A Site Strategy - Mildred Island/Latham Slough

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CONCERNS and ADVICE to RESPONDERS:

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The concern is two-fold: first, that oil will be transported though 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:

Shallow water. Tree snags inside flooded Mildred Island.

SITE STRATEGIES

Strategy 2-960.1 Objective: Exclude by executing adjacent strategies. No specific strategy for this site. See Old River Quimby Island (2-910); Middle River: Bacon Island Reach (2-965-A); Middle River: Mandeville Reach (2-950-A), and Turner/Empire Cuts (2-963-A).

For oil coming from outside this site, deploy appropriate strategies from among the following to exclude oil: Old River Quimby Island (2-910); Middle River: Bacon Island Reach (2-965-A); Middle River: Mandeville Reach (2-950-A), and Turner/Empire Cuts (2-963-A).

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.)

Highway 4 east past Middle River to Bacon Island Road. Turn left on Bacon Island Road out to Middle River Follow along Lower Jones Tract levee. This site includes the flooded Mildred Island and adjacent Latham Slough from Empire Cut to Connection Slough.

LAND ACCESS: 2WD, TRUCK, 4WD,/LEVEE ROAD MAY BE IMPASSABLE WHEN WET

WATER LOGISTICS: SHALLOW NEAR ISLAND, BUT DEEP CHANNELS EXIST

Limitations: depth, obstruction

Launching, Loading, Docking and Services Available: Marina services at Tiki Lagoon Resort Marina and Turner Cut Resort on Turner Cut are closest.

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

Staging at marinas or along Bacon Island Road. Tiki Lagoon Resort Marina and Turner Cut Resort on Turner Cut are closest.

COMMUNICATIONS PROBLEMS:

ADDITIONAL OPERATIONAL COMMENTS:

