

County: Santa Cruz **ACP Division/Segment:** SZ - C - S004 SZ - C - S005**NOAA Chart:** 18685**Map Book:** 992**Decimal Degrees:** 36.9516 -122.02739**Site Description:**

Site area includes the sandy pocket beach west of Point Santa Cruz, Point Santa Cruz, and Seal Rock which is directly offshore of the point. Lighthouse Point Beach is locally referred to as It's Beach and is accessible via a steep staircase west of the point. Site upcoast boundary (36.951730°, -122.030035°), downcoast boundary (36.952080°, -122.026062°); length 0.48 miles. Site is within the Monterey Bay National Marine Sanctuary. Nesting seabirds in the surrounding area include black oystercatcher, Brandt's cormorant, pigeon guillemot, and Western gull. Seal Rock is a roosting site for brown pelicans and a haulout for sea lions.

Resources at Risk:**ESI and Habitat:** 1A Exposed Rocky Shore

3A Fine- to medium-grained sand beaches

6B Riprap

List of Resources at Risk:

	Resource Name	Status	Presence	Sensitivity
Birds	seabird colony		Year-round	Apr-Aug
Insects	Ohlone tiger beetle	FE	Year-round	
Invertebrates	black abalone	FE	Year-round	Apr-Sep
Mammals	pinnipeds	FP	Year-round	
Mammals	Southern sea otter	FT, SP	Year-round	

FT-Federally Threatened, FE-Federally Endangered, FP-Federally Protected, SE-State Endangered, ST-State Threatened, SP -State Protected, SR-State Rare, SSC-Species of Special Concern, BGEPA-Bald and Golden Eagle Protection Act, SSSP-State Special Status Species

List of Key Contacts:

Type	Name/Title	Organization	Phone
C	/Coordinator	Native American Heritage Commission	(916) 373-3710
C	/Coordinator	Northwest Information Center	(707) 588-8455
T	/Dispatch, 24-hr	California State Parks (Dispatch)	(916) 358-1300
T	/Emergency Responder, 24-hr	Monterey Bay National Marine Sanctuary	(831) 236-6797
T	/Agency Representative	NOAA National Marine Fisheries Service	(707) 575-6050
T	/Spill Response Coordinator	US Fish and Wildlife Service	(805) 644-1766

C – Cultural, Historic, Archaeological; E – Entry/Owner/Access; O – Other; S – Safety; T – Trustee; X – Exclusion or Security

Additional Site Summary Comments:

Moderate recreational use. Surfing area south of Point Santa Cruz.

Concerns and Advice to Responders:

Surfing area south of Point Santa Cruz.

Hazard and Restrictions:

Beach access via steep staircase. Parking areas are often full on weekends and during the summer.

Site Strategies:**Site Validation Level: II**

Strategy: 3-200.1 Objective: No Onsite Options: Consider Offshore Containment/Recovery/ART

Strategy: Onsite protection is not feasible due to coastline type.

A) Recommended response strategy is on-water containment and recovery.

B) Pursue feasibility of alternative response technologies (e.g. dispersants and in-situ burning) to reduce the volume of oil reaching the site.

Table of Response Resources

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Directions: Point Santa Cruz (701 W Cliff Dr, Santa Cruz, CA 95060); 28 parking spaces. There are two additional parking lots to the west and two to the south on W Cliff Dr; 114 parking spaces total. Parking areas are often full.

Land Access: Beach access via steep staircase located between the two parking lots west of Point Santa Cruz (36.952245°, -122.028596°).

On-Water Limitations: Nearest vessel launch site is Santa Cruz Harbor (2 nautical miles).

Facilities, Staging Areas, Command Posts, Available Equipment: Restrooms located between parking lots south of Point Santa Cruz (656 W Cliff Dr, Santa Cruz, CA 95060).

Communications Problems: None.

