

County: Monterey **ACP Division/Segment:** MT - E - S001 MT - E - S002**NOAA Chart:** 18685**Map Book:** 1113**Decimal Degrees:** 36.62481 -121.94104**Site Description:**

Rocky coastline and wave-cut platforms with tidepools interspersed with small sand pocket beaches. Site encompasses all of Asilomar State Beach which extends from Jewell Ave. to the Majella Slough inlet on the northern end of Spanish Bay Beach. With very few exceptions, locals are unaware that Asilomar State Beach property ends just south of the rocky coastline and refer to Spanish Bay Beach as Asilomar Beach. Asilomar State Beach is a collection point for the sparse accumulation of natural oil seep tar balls that reach the Monterey Bay area during southwest wind and swell events. Small bits of asphalted seep oil are adhered to the rocky shoreline. The south end of the site includes the mouth of Majella Slough which is not tidally influenced due to the topography of the slough channel. Majella Slough is densely vegetated freshwater marsh that becomes riparian habitat upstream of the beach. During high tides a brackish lagoon may form on the beach at the slough mouth. Site upcoast boundary (36.631149°, -121.938021°), downcoast boundary (36.617659°, -121.941561°); length 1.15 miles. Site is within the Asilomar State Marine Reserve, Pacific Grove Marine Gardens Fish Refuge, Bureau of Land Management California Coastal National Monument, and Monterey Bay National Marine Sanctuary. Sensitive plant species and Northern legless lizard are present within the coastal scrub habitat along the walking path. Possible pinniped haulout site but rare due to heavy recreational use.

Resources at Risk:*ESI and Habitat:* 2A Exposed wave-cut platforms in bedrock, mud, or clay

3A Fine- to medium-grained sand beaches

4 Coarse-grained sand beaches

List of Resources at Risk:

	Resource Name	Status	Presence	Sensitivity
Insects	Smith's blue butterfly	FE	Year-round	
Invertebrates	black abalone	FE	Year-round	Apr-Sep
Mammals	pinnipeds	FP	Year-round	
Mammals	Southern sea otter	FT, SP	Year-round	
Plants	Kellogg's horkelia	SR	Year-round	
Plants	Menzies' wallflower	FE, SE	Year-round	
Plants	Monterey gilia	FE, ST	Year-round	
Plants	Monterey spineflower	FT	Year-round	
Plants	northern curly-leaved monardella	SR	Year-round	
Plants	Pacific Grove clover	SR	Year-round	
Plants	Tidestrom's lupine	FE, SE	Year-round	
Reptiles	Northern legless lizard	SSC	Year-round	Sep-Nov

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	/Natural Resources Specialist	BLM, CA Coastal National Monument	(831) 582-2200
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:

Heavy recreational use.

Concerns and Advice to Responders:

Heavy recreational use. Sensitive plant species and Northern legless lizard are present within the dunes and vegetation along the walking path. Stay on walking paths. Do not disturb vegetation.

Hazard and Restrictions:**Site Strategies:****Site Validation Level: II**

Strategy: 3-410.1 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: Northern parking: shoulder of Sunset Dr. southbound lane (36.629702°, -121.937173°); 5 parking spaces. Southern parking: shoulder of Sunset Dr. southbound lane near Spanish Bay Beach (36.618795°, -121.940734°); 32 parking spaces. Additional parking areas on the southbound shoulder of Sunset Dr; 53 parking spaces in total. Ocean View Blvd. becomes Sunset Dr. at Lighthouse Ave.

Land Access: Vehicle access to beach via Trail #2 (36.618722°, -121.940689°). Rocky coastline is only accessible via Asilomar Coastal Trail walking path which provides access to pocket beaches. Do not disturb coastal vegetation. Several dirt parking areas on Sunset Dr. along entire site area with access to pocket beaches.

On-Water Limitations: Nearest vessel launch site is Monterey Harbor (4 nautical miles).

Facilities, Staging Areas, Command Posts, Available Equipment: Asilomar Hotel and Conference Grounds is a potential command post location (800 Asilomar Ave, Pacific Grove, CA 93950).

Communications Problems: None.

