

County: Monterey **ACP Division/Segment:** MT - E - S003**NOAA Chart:** 18685**Map Book:** 1133**Decimal Degrees:** 36.58998 -121.96652**Site Description:**

Offshore wave-cut platforms that support a nesting colony of Brandt's cormorants and provide a haulout for pinnipeds. Bird Rock and Seal Rock are not accessible by land but nearby overlooks provide excellent observation points. Seal Rock Creek empties onto Seal Rock Beach and is naturally protected from tidal influence due to topography. Site is within the Bureau of Land Management California Coastal National Monument and Monterey Bay National Marine Sanctuary. Other nesting seabirds in the surrounding area include black oystercatcher and Western gull. Brown pelicans also roost on the offshore rocks. A federally endangered plant species grows the coastal scrub habitat between Ocean Rd. and Bird Rock Rd., west of 17 Mile Dr. Several threatened and endangered plant species are found in the coastal scrub habitat between Bird Rock Rd. and The Dunes Rd., east of 17 Mile Dr. Red-legged frogs are found within and near Seal Rock Creek east of 17 Mile Dr.

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

	Resource Name	Status	Presence	Sensitivity
Amphibians	California red-legged frog	FT, SSC	Year-round	Nov-Mar
Birds	seabird colony		Year-round	Apr-Aug
Invertebrates	black abalone	FE	Year-round	Apr-Sep
Mammals	pinnipeds	FP	Year-round	
Mammals	Southern sea otter	FT, SP	Year-round	
Plants	beach layia	FE, SE	Year-round	
Plants	coastal dunes milk-vetch	FE, SE	Year-round	
Plants	Menzies' wallflower	FE, SE	Year-round	
Plants	pink Johnny-nip	SR	Year-round	
Plants	Tidestrom's lupine	FE, SE	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
E	/Dispatch, 24-hr	Pebble Beach Company	(831) 625-8428
T	/Natural Resources Specialist	BLM, CA Coastal National Monument	(831) 582-2200
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:

Concerns and Advice to Responders:

Several threatened and endangered plant species are found in the vegetation between Bird Rock Rd. and The Dunes Rd., east of 17 Mile Dr. Stay on walking paths. Do not disturb vegetation.

Hazard and Restrictions:

Site access requires entering Pebble Beach property through attended gates.

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

Strategy: 3-435.1 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.

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Directions: Bird Rock overlook parking: lot off 17 Mile Dr. southbound lane (36.591388°, -121.964339°); 56 parking spaces. Seal Rock Beach parking: shoulder of 17 Mile Dr. southbound lane (36.589626°, -121.962956°); 13 parking spaces. Seal Rock overlook parking: lot off 17 Mile Dr. southbound lane (36.588024°, -121.963959°); 5 parking spaces. Pebble Beach Country Club Gate (2292 Forest Lodge Rd, Pacific Grove, CA). Pebble Beach Samuel F.B. Morse Gate (36.598264°, -121.926180°). Pebble Beach Highway 1 Gate (Highway 1 Gate, 17 Mile Dr, Carmel-By-The-Sea, CA 93923).

Land Access: No site access from land. Parking areas are observation points.

On-Water Limitations: Nearest vessel launch site is Monterey Harbor (7 nautical miles). Vessel launch via 3-ton hoist at Stillwater Yacht Club Pier in Pebble Beach (4 nautical miles).

Facilities, Staging Areas, Command Posts, Available Equipment: Restroom at Bird Rock parking lot.

Communications Problems: None.

