

**County:** Monterey **ACP Division/Segment:** MT - E - S012 MT - E - S013**NOAA Chart:** 18680**Map Book:** 1153,1173**Decimal Degrees:** 36.52425 -121.95479**Site Description:**

Point Lobos State Natural Reserve is a world-renowned scenic area containing a rich diversity of coastal and terrestrial wildlife. The convoluted shoreline is predominantly wave-cut platform interspersed with pocket beaches and rock outcroppings. The property begins at the southern end of Monastery Beach and extends to the point south of Gibson Beach. Site upcoast boundary (36.523355°, -121.936136°), downcoast boundary (36.505540°, -121.939092°); length 5.43 miles. Site is within the Point Lobos State Marine Reserve, California Sea Otter Game Refuge, Bureau of Land Management California Coastal National Monument, Bureau of Land Management California Coastal National Monument, Monterey Bay National Marine Sanctuary, and is a California Area of Special Biological Significance. Harbor seals haul out throughout the reserve and pup at Moss Cove, Whalers Cove, Bluefish Cove, Headland Cove, and China Cove. Sea lions haul out at Sea Lion Rocks. Northern elephant seals are observed occasionally. Black oystercatchers nest throughout the reserve. Brandt's, crested and pelagic cormorants nest at Bird Island and throughout the reserve. Pigeon guillemots nest at Bluefish Cove, Guillemot Island to Cypress Cove, North Point, and Headland Cove. Peregrine falcons nest near China Cove. Over 1,000 brown pelicans have been observed roosting at Bird Island. Sensitive plant species are throughout the reserve.

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

4 Coarse-grained sand beaches

5 Mixed sand and gravel beaches

1A Exposed Rocky Shore

**List of Resources at Risk:**

	Resource Name	Status	Presence	Sensitivity
Birds	peregrine falcon	FP, SP	Year-round	Feb-Jun
Birds	seabird colony		Year-round	Apr-Aug
Insects	Smith's blue butterfly	FE	Year-round	
Invertebrates	black abalone	FE	Year-round	Apr-Sep
Mammals	California sea lion	FP	Year-round	
Mammals	Pacific harbor seal	FP	Year-round	Feb-May
Mammals	Southern sea otter	FT, SP	Year-round	
Plants	Monterey spineflower	FT	Year-round	
Plants	Pacific Grove clover	SR	Year-round	
Plants	pink Johnny-nip	SR	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	/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. SCUBA diving at Whalers Cove.

**Concerns and Advice to Responders:**

Heavy recreational use. SCUBA diving at Whalers Cove. Sensitive plant species throughout the reserve. Stay on trails.

**Hazard and Restrictions:**

Attended gate at property entrance. Coastal access via footpath, except Whalers Cove. Poison oak is abundant year-round.

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

**Strategy: 3-470.1 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

**Last Page Update****Logistics:**

*Directions:* Reserve entrance, gated (62 CA-1, Carmel-By-The-Sea, CA 93923). Whalers Cove parking area (36.520588°, -121.940647°); 24 parking spaces. Additional parking areas throughout property.

*Land Access:* Coastal access is via footpath. Multiple parking lots and walking trails throughout reserve. The interior road is one-way and loops around the reserve counterclockwise.

*On-Water Limitations:* Nearest vessel launch site is Monterey Harbor (12 nautical miles). Whalers Cove launch ramp is only 12 feet wide and lined with riprap piles down into the water line on both sides. Vessel launch via 3-ton hoist at Stillwater Yacht Club Pier in Pebble Beach (2 nautical miles).

*Facilities, Staging Areas, Command Posts, Available Equipment:* Restrooms at all major parking lots.

*Communications Problems:* Weak to no cell phone signal.

