

County: Monterey **ACP Division/Segment:** MT - G - S005**NOAA Chart:** 18680, 18700**Map Book:** B**Decimal Degrees:** 36.31286 -121.89627**Site Description:**

Point Sur Beach extends north of Point Sur and is backed by vegetated dunes. The northern two thirds of the beach are private property. The southern third of the beach is owned by State Parks. Site upcoast boundary (36.319816°, -121.894782°), downcoast boundary (36.306595°, -121.899521°); length 0.95 miles. Site is within the California Sea Otter Game Refuge and Monterey Bay National Marine Sanctuary. Western snowy plovers nest on beach Mar-Sep. The road from Highway 1 to the base of Point Sur is surrounded by grassland and freshwater marsh that supports a population of red-legged frogs and sensitive plant species.

Resources at Risk:*ESI and Habitat:* 3A Fine- to medium-grained sand beaches**List of Resources at Risk:**

	Resource Name	Status	Presence	Sensitivity
Birds	California condor	FE, SE	Year-round	
Birds	peregrine falcon	FP, SP	Year-round	Mar-Jun
Birds	Western snowy plover	FT, SSC	Year-round	Mar-Sep
Insects	Smith's blue butterfly	FE	Year-round	
Invertebrates	black abalone	FE	Year-round	Apr-Sep
Mammals	Southern sea otter	FT, SP	Year-round	
Plants	Blasdale's bent grass	SR	Year-round	
Plants	fragrant fritillary	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	/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:

Access to the northern portion of the beach is not guaranteed, private property.

Concerns and Advice to Responders:

Western snowy plovers nest on beach Mar-Sep. Sensitive habitat lines the road from Highway 1 to the base of Point Sur.

Hazard and Restrictions:

Gated entry to State Parks Property. Northern two thirds of the beach are private property. Access is not guaranteed.

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

Strategy: 3-520.1 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: From Carmel-by-the-Sea, site is 18.6 miles south of Rio Rd. on Highway 1. Gated road from Highway 1 southbound lane (36.309661°, -121.886174°), Postmile: Route 1 MON 54.1; 10 parking spaces.

Land Access: Parking at base of Point Sur. Beach access via footpath. Northern two thirds of the beach are private property. Access is not guaranteed.

On-Water Limitations: Nearest vessel launch site is Monterey Harbor (26 nautical miles). May be possible to launch a skiff from the pocket beach directly downcoast of Point Sur.

Facilities, Staging Areas, Command Posts, Available Equipment: Portable toilets at the base and top of Point Sur.

Communications Problems: AT&T, strong cell phone signal. All other providers, no cell phone signal.

