

3-120 -C Site Summary- Pelican Rock**3-120 -C****County:** Santa Cruz**Thomas Guide Location****Latitude N****Longitude W****USGS Quad:** Año Nuevo

929

37° 04'

122° 16'

NOAA Chart:**Last Page Update:** 6/30/2014**SITE DESCRIPTION:**

Offshore rocks providing roosting sites and haulout for cormorants and pinnipeds. Pelican Rock lies offshore to the south of Greyhound Rocks. Site is within the following State Marine Protected Area(s): Greyhound Rock State Marine Conservation Area. Site is associated with the following BLM California Coastal National Monument site: Pelican Rock. Pelican rock is offshore and accessible only by boat. There's a good observation point from parking lot off Hwy 1.

SEASONAL AND SPECIAL RESOURCE CONCERN

Can be an important roosting site for seabirds (especially pelicans and cormorants in Summer/Fall). Can be used as a haul-out for pinnipeds.

RESOURCES OF PRIMARY CONCERN

Primary resources at risk are pinnipeds and seabirds.

Black oystercatchers and brown pelicans are present year round to forage and roost.

Pacific harbor seal and Northern elephant seal haul-out site. Area may be utilized as a pupping site Mar-May. While not a significant gathering site, Southern Sea Otters (FT) are common throughout Santa Cruz and Monterey counties and may be present near-shore year round.

Site is located within Black Abalone Critical Habitat. Actual presence of black abalone is unknown.

Kelp beds are common near-shore.

Landward the locally rare plant *Erysimum fransiscanum* is present.

CULTURAL, HISTORIC, AND ARCHEOLOGICAL SENSITIVITIES

Contact the California Dept of Parks and Recreation - Office of Historic Preservation (Eric Allison: 916-445-7044), and the Northwest Information Center (Bryan Much, Sonoma State College: 707-588-8455) for specific information on historic or cultural resources in this area.

KEY CONTACTS: Trustee (T); Entry/Owner/Access (E); Cultural (C); or Other Assistance (O)

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O			Santa Cruz County Sherriff	(831) 471-1121
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T	Becky Ota	Marine Conservation Mgr	CDFW Marine Protected Areas Program	(650) 631-6789
E/T	James Weigand	Ecologist	BLM	(916) 978-4656
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ADDITIONAL SITE SUMMARY COMMENTS:

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Pacific harbor seal and elephant seal haul-out site

HAZARDS AND RESTRICTIONS:**SITE STRATEGIES**Strategy 3-120.1 Objective: Prevent oiling of bird and pinniped use areas.

This site is difficult to protect as is most of the outer coast. No on-site protection is feasible.

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

strategy number	harbor boom	swamp boom	Other boom type	sorb boom	Anchoring no type and gear	Boom boat	Skiffs punts	Skimmers No Type	Special Equipment or comment No and kinds	staff deploy	Staff tend
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LOGISTICS**DIRECTIONS: to site (by land and/or by water, to nearest launch ramp and are access permits required.)**

Access off Waddell Creek Beach (see Site 3-110) Offshore rocks providing roosting sites and haulout for cormorants and pinnipeds. Pelican Rock lies offshore to the south of Greyhound Rocks. Site is within the following State Marine Protected Area(s): Greyhound Rock State Marine Conservation Area. Site is associated with the following BLM California Coastal National Monument site: Pelican Rock.

LAND ACCESS**WATER LOGISTICS:** Pelican Rock accessible only from boat.

Limitations: depth, obstruction

Launching, Loading, Docking

and Services Available:

FACILITIES, STAGING AREAS, POSSIBLE FIELD POSTS AND EQUIPMENT AVAILABLE:**COMMUNICATIONS PROBLEMS:****ADDITIONAL OPERATIONAL COMMENTS:**

