

3-505 -A Site Summary- Rocky Creek**3-505 -A****County:** Monterey**Thomas Guide Location****Latitude N****Longitude W****USGS Quad:** Soberanes

B

36° 23.2'

121° 54.9'

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

Rocky Creek mouth opens up on small beach 300 x 50 yd beach encased by steep rocky bluffs. Creek may form small lagoon depending on seasonal flows and sand accretion. Site is within the California Sea Otter Game Refuge. Site is associated with BLM California Coastal National Monument resources. Small creek provides habitat for variety of flora and fauna. Seasonal variations alter creek mouth and lagoon, therefore site may change significantly from year to year.

SEASONAL AND SPECIAL RESOURCE CONCERN

Year round

RESOURCES OF PRIMARY CONCERN

Primary risk are species listed below utilizing creek and lagoon area.

Cormorants nest and roost along bluffs above creek. Seabirds and shorebirds use area to forage and roost. A seabird colony exists Feb-Aug.

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. Ca Red-legged frogs (FT) have been identified within the riparian corridor. Smith's Blue Butterfly (FE) occur within site parameters.

Winter-run Steelhead trout (FT) are known to utilize creek to spawn and as a nursery for Young-of-the-Year.

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

Kelp beds are common near-shore.

Little Sur manzanita (*Arctostaphylos edmundsii*) is found within site boundaries.

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)

Type	Name	Title	Organization	Phone
	Scott Kathey	Emergency Response Coord.	Monterey Bay National Marine Sanctuary	(831) 647-4251
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ADDITIONAL SITE SUMMARY COMMENTS:

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CONCERNS AND ADVICE TO RESPONDERS:

A seabird colony exists Feb-Aug.

HAZARDS AND RESTRICTIONS:**SITE STRATEGIES**

Strategy 3-505.1 Objective: Exclude oil with berming from reaching upstream, place sorbent boom 30' landward of berm to ensure oil exclusion

Use PVC pipes in underflow dam to allow discharge if necessary

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
3-505.1	0	0	0	100	0 anchors or stakes to secure boom	0	0	0	0 dozer or front loader to construct sediment berm, 300' of 6" PVC piping	3	2

LOGISTICS**DIRECTIONS: to site (by land and/or by water, to nearest launch ramp and are access permits required.)**

Rocky Creek is about 11 miles south of Rio Road (in Carmel) on Highway 1. Garrapata Creek is north of Rocky Creek, Bixby Creek is the next creek south of Rocky Creek. The sea bluffs are on the east side of Highway 1. Rocky Creek mouth opens up on small beach 300 x 50 yd beach encased by steep rocky bluffs. Creek may form small lagoon depending on seasonal flows and sand accretion. Site is within the California Sea Otter Game Refuge. Site is associated with BLM California Coastal National Monument resources.

LAND ACCESS Foot access only**WATER LOGISTICS:**

Limitations: depth, obstruction

Launching, Loading, Docking

and Services Available:

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

