

**4-345-B Site Summary - Avila Rock****4-345-B****County:** San Luis Obispo **ACP Division/Segment:** SL - I - S004**NOAA Chart:** 18704**Map Book:****Decimal Degrees:** 35.17058 -120.72431**Site Description:**

Avila Rock and Lone Rock are offshore from Fossil Point, just southeast of Avila Beach. Offshore rocks part of the Coastal National Monument under the jurisdiction of Bureau of Land Management. Designated critical habitat for black abalone on rocky intertidal. Brown pelicans roost on Avila Rock. Large concentrations of California sea lions haul out year-round. Southern sea otters are common offshore. Area is also Leatherback Sea turtle designated critical habitat offshore.

**Resources at Risk:****ESI and Habitat:** 1A Exposed Rocky Shore**List of Resources at Risk:**

	Resource Name	Status	Presence	Sensitivity
Birds	California brown pelican	FP, SP	Year-round	
Invertebrates	black abalone	FE	Year-round	
Mammals	California sea lion	FP	Year-round	
Mammals	Southern sea otter	FT, SP	Year-round	
Reptiles	leatherback sea turtle	FE	Aug - Nov	

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	/	Central Coast Information Center	(805) 682-4711
C	/Coordinator	Native American Heritage Commission	(916) 373-3710
E	John Hodge/Associate Field Manager	Bureau of Land Management, Coastal Natl. Monu	(661) 301-1659
O	/24hr	Point San Luis Harbor	(805) 595-5435
T	Leisyka Parrott/CCNM Manager	Bureau of Land Management	(707) 513-3891
T	Justin Viezbicke/Marine Mammal Stranding	NOAA National Marine Fisheries Service	(562) 506-4315
T	Melissa Neuman/Marine Biologist	NOAA National Marine Fisheries Service	(562) 481-4594
T	Tina Fahy/Sea Turtle Recovery Coordinator	NOAA National Marine Fisheries Service	(562) 980-4023
T	/Spill Response Coordinator	US Fish and Wildlife Service, Federal T&E Species	(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:**

Otters pup year-round; California sea lions pup May - June; brown pelicans roost summer - fall with peak numbers in September - October. Leatherback sea turtles are most commonly observed Aug - Nov.

**Concerns and Advice to Responders:**

Black abalone (endangered) may be present on nearby rocky intertidal habitat (designated critical habitat). Leatherback sea turtle critical habitat offshore.

**Hazard and Restrictions:****Site Strategies:****Site Validation Level: II****Strategy: 4-345. Objective:***Strategy:*

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**Last Page Update****Strategy: 4-345.1 Objective:** No Onsite Options: Consider Offshore Containment/Recovery/ART

*Strategy:* Offshore containment and recovery (OCR) are the preferred option although heavy surf may hinder these operations. No specific response equipment listed due to the many variables associated with each spill regarding OCR. Early consideration should be given to the use of applied response technologies.

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

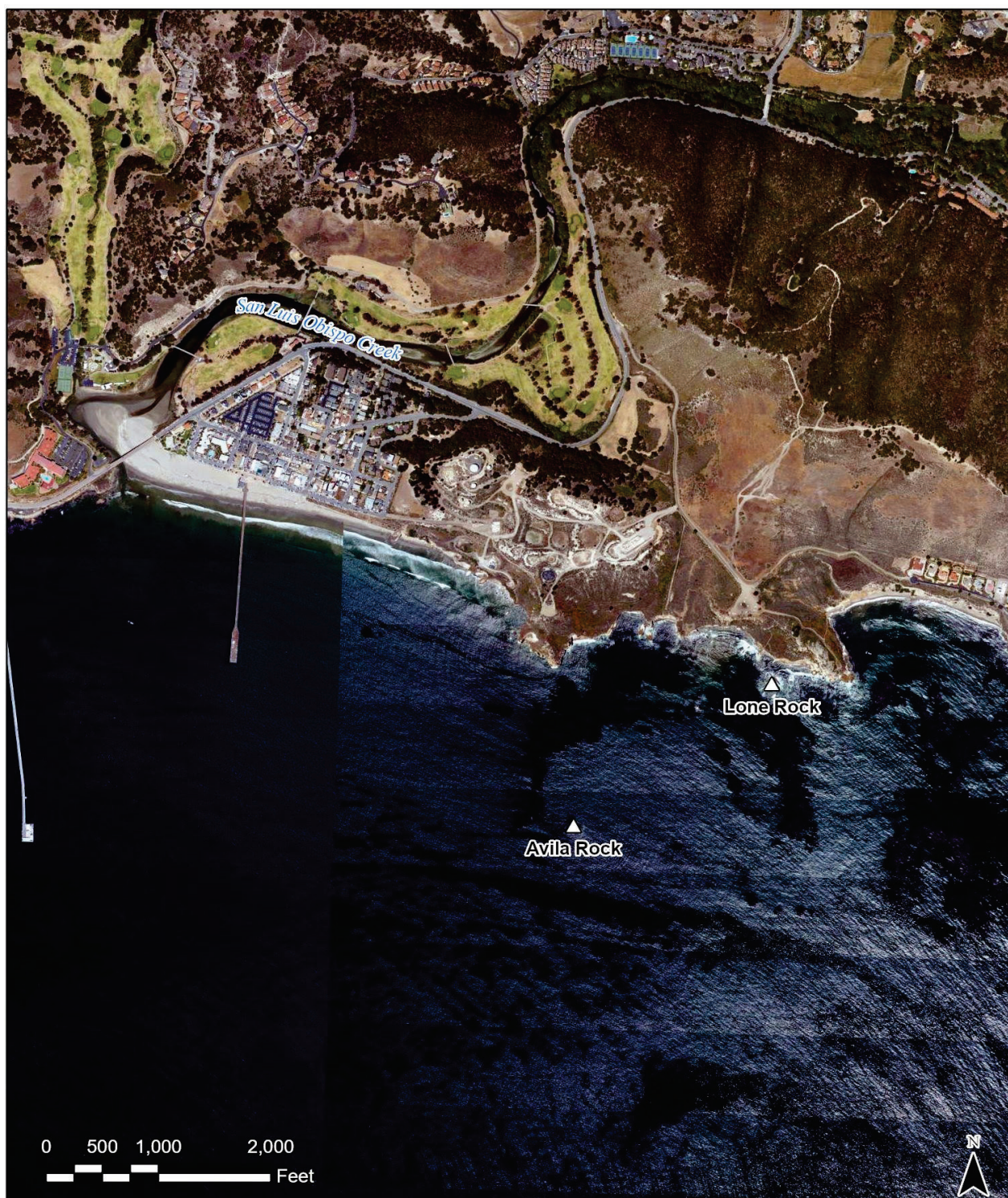
*Directions:* From the south: Take Hwy 101 N to the Avila Beach Dr. exit. Take Avila Beach Dr. to the town of Avila. Turn left on San Miguel St. to Front St. to get to Avila Beach. Avila Rock is offshore at the southern end of Avila Beach. From the north: Take Hwy 101 (or 5 S to Hwy 46 W to 41 W to 101 S) to Avila Beach exit, San Luis Bay Dr. to stop sign, turn right on Avila Beach Dr. follow directions from above.

*Land Access:* Boat access only.

*On-Water Limitations:* Limitations: Launching, Loading, and Services Available: Docking Port San Luis Boat launch.

*Facilities, Staging Areas, Command Posts, Available Equipment:* Staging Area: Port San Luis Harbor District parking lot. Command Post: Port San Luis Harbor District office. CDFW office in San Luis Obispo. Airports: SLO County Airport is approx. 15 min.

*Communications Problems:* None.



CDFW - OSPR & USCG Site: 4-345 Name: Avila Rock (Offshore Rock)

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**No shoreline strategies;  
consider offshore strategies**