

4-105 -B Site Summary- Rocky Intertidal N. Pt. Estero/Harmony State Park**4-105 -B**

County: **San Luis Obispo**
USGS Quad: **Cayucos**

Thomas Guide Location
324 H-9

Latitude N
35.4883

Longitude W
121.0329

NOAA Chart: **Pt. Sur to Pt. Conception 18700**

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SITE DESCRIPTION:

See Division C map. Harmony Ranch rocky intertidal habitat north of Point Estero approx. 2-3 miles, across from the town of Harmony. Harmony Headlands State Park property.

SEASONAL and SPECIAL RESOURCE CONCERN

Species of concern are present year round. Harbor seal pupping season is March-June. Peak sea otter pupping Jan-March.

Roosting seabirds.

Throughout Division C, black abalone (endangered) may be present in rocky intertidal habitat (designated critical habitat). Also designated critical habitat for leatherback sea turtles (endangered), most commonly observed Aug. – Nov.

On coastal bluff terraces compact cobweb thistle (CNPS 1B) common.

RESOURCES OF PRIMARY CONCERN

This wave-cut platform is a haulout area for moderate numbers of harbor seals. 250 animals have been observed here. Southern sea otters can be observed offshore.

CULTURAL, HISTORIC, and ARCHEOLOGICAL SENSITIVITIES

Contact SHPO and Native American Heritage Commission

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

Type	Name / Title	Organization	Phone
E/T	District Office	State Parks & Recreation Dept.	(805) 927-2065
T	Melissa Boggs Environmental Scientist	CDFW-OSPR	(805) 558-1005
C	Lynn Gamble Historic Info Center	SHPO/UCSB	(805) 893-7341
T	Mike Harris Sea otter expert	CDFW-OSPR	(805) 772-1135
O	Brian Hatfield Marine mammal expert	Bio Res Div. USGS	(805) 927-3893
T	Jenny Marrek Biologist	U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service	(805) 644-1766
C	Larry Meyer	Native American Heritage Commission	(916) 373-3712
T	Elizabeth Petras Biologist	National Marine Fisheries Service	(562) 980-3238
C	SHPO	State Office of Historic Preservation	(916) 445-7000
E/T	Dispatch State Parks	State Dept. Parks and Recreation	(951) 443-2969

ADDITIONAL SITE SUMMARY COMMENTS:

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CONCERNS and ADVICE to RESPONDERS:

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To protect seabirds, limit spill response activities within 1,000 feet of nesting seabirds when possible.

Try to remain at least 100 yards away from marine mammals and sea turtles and if approached closely by a marine mammal or turtle while motoring, reduce speed and shift to neutral; do not engage props until the animals are observed at the surface, clear of the vessel.

HAZARDS and RESTRICTIONS:

Harmony Headlands State Park property.

SITE STRATEGIES

Strategy 4-105.1 Objective: Deflect or exclude oil from this rocky intertidal habitat.

Offshore containment and recovery (OCR) is 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.

strategy number	harbor boom	swamp boom	Other boom type	sorb boom	Anchoring no	Boat tvoe and gear	Boom boat	Skiffs punts	Skimmers No	Type	Special Equipment or comment No and kinds	staff deploy	Staff tend
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Offshore containment & recovery

LOGISTICS

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

From the South: Take Hwy 101N to Hwy 1 N, Morro Bay exit in San Luis Obispo. Gate to property is 1/4 mile south of the town of Harmony. Site is north of Point Estero approx. 3 miles.

From the north: Take Hwy 101 S to Hwy 46 W to Hwy 1 S (or take Hwy 5 S to Hwy 41 W to Hwy 46 W to Hwy 1 S). Gate to property is 1/4 mile south of the town Harmony.

LAND ACCESS: Foot access only

WATER LOGISTICS:

Limitations: depth, obstruction

Launching, Loading, Docking Morro Bay boat ramp approx. 15 miles south.
and Services Available:

FACILITIES, STAGING AREAS, POSSIBLE FIELD POSTS AND EQUIPMENT AVAILABLE:

Command Post: Cayucos Veteran's Memorial Building, Cayucos Dr. at North Ocean Ave. (805) 995-1228, approx. 5 miles south. U.S. Coast Guard office in Morro Bay, approx. 15 miles south. State Park's offices at Hearst Castle.

Airports: SLO County Airport is approx. 40 min. south. Paso Robles Airport is approx. 45 min. inland.

COMMUNICATIONS PROBLEMS:**ADDITIONAL OPERATIONAL COMMENTS:**

