

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

Thomas Guide Location

Latitude N
35.1892

Longitude W
120.8114

NOAA Chart: **San Luis Bay 18704**

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SITE DESCRIPTION:

See Division H map. Pecho Rock, offshore rock, approx. three miles north of Port San Luis. Part of Coastal National Monument under jurisdiction of Bureau of Land Management.

Restricted site access through Diablo Canyon Nuclear Power Plant.

Site is within Point Buchon State Marine Conservation Area and Marine Reserve MPA, fisheries management areas that extend 3 miles offshore, and is governed by special protections established by the DFW Marine Region.

Throughout Division H, black abalone (endangered) may be present in rocky intertidal habitat (critical habitat). Designated critical habitat for leatherback sea turtles (endangered), most commonly observed Aug. – Nov. There are large waves here, and shoreline is very rocky.

SEASONAL and SPECIAL RESOURCE CONCERN

Species of concern are present year round. California sea lion pupping May-June. Harbor seal pupping March-June.

RESOURCES OF PRIMARY CONCERN

Offshore rock, used as seal haulout. High concentrations of California sea lions (more than 1,500) and harbor seals haulout on this offshore rock. Southern sea otters can also be seen in this area.

Pigeon guillemots, western gulls, brandts cormorants, pelagic cormorants and brown pelicans.

CULTURAL, HISTORIC, and ARCHEOLOGICAL SENSITIVITIES**KEY CONTACTS: Trustee (T); Entry/Owner/Access (E); Cultural (C); or Other Assistance (O)**

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ADDITIONAL SITE SUMMARY COMMENTS:

4-330 -A Site Strategy - Pecho Rock (Offshore)

County and Thomas Guide Location

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NOAA CHART

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CONCERNS and ADVICE to RESPONDERS:

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Throughout Division H, black abalone (endangered) may be present in rocky intertidal habitat (designated critical habitat). 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.

Off-shore rocks part of the Coastal National Monument under BLM jurisdiction.

HAZARDS and RESTRICTIONS:

Restricted shoreline access through PG&E Diablo Canyon Nuclear Power Plant. 24 hour # (805) 545-3377.

SITE STRATEGIES

Strategy 4-330.1 Objective: Defect or exclude oil from this offshore rock.

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 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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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 101 N to the Avila Beach Dr. exit. Take Avila Beach Dr. almost to the end to PG&E Diablo Canyon facility entrance. The shoreline landward of Lion Rock is owned by PG&E and they will have to be contacted for shoreline access issues. From the north: Take Hwy 101 S or (5 S to Hwy 46 W to Hwy 41 W to 101 S) to Avila beach exit, San Luis Bay Dr. Follow directions above.

LAND ACCESS:

WATER LOGISTICS:

Limitations: depth, obstruction

Launching, Loading, Docking Boat access only, Port San Luis.

and Services Available:

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

Staging Area and Command Post: Port San Luis Harbor District office and parking lot (805) 595-5400. CDFW office in San Luis Obispo.

Airports; SLO County Airport is approx. 20 min.

COMMUNICATIONS PROBLEMS:

ADDITIONAL OPERATIONAL COMMENTS:

