

**4-400 -A Site Summary- Bird Rock - Margo Dodd Park****4-400 -A**

County: **San Luis Obispo**  
USGS Quad: **Pismo Beach**

Thomas Guide Location  
693 H-7  
NOAA Chart: **San Luis Bay 18704**

Latitude N  
35.15272  
Longitude W  
120.66943

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**SITE DESCRIPTION:**

See Division I map. Offshore rocks, including Bird Rock, just offshore Margo Dodd Park, in Shell Beach. These offshore rocks are part of the Coastal National Monument under the jurisdiction of Bureau of Land Management. There is also a gravel pocket beach that is approx. 1000' long. This is a residential area. Margo Dodd Park is a city park managed by Pismo/Shell Beach Public Works Department.

**SEASONAL and SPECIAL RESOURCE CONCERN**

Sea otters are present year round, peak pupping Jan-March. Brown pelicans roost summer-fall with peak numbers Sept-Oct. Cormorants breed spring-summer with peak numbers of brandts cormorants June-Oct. Throughout Division I, black abalone (endangered) may be present in rocky intertidal habitat (designated critical habitat).

**RESOURCES OF PRIMARY CONCERN**

Hundreds of brown pelicans and cormorants roost on these offshore rocks.

Southern sea otters can be observed offshore present year round.

**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
O		Pismo/Shell Beach Public Works Dept	(805) 773-4656
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C	Lynn Gamble Historic Info Center	SHPO/UCSB	(805) 893-7341
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O	Brian Hatfield Marine mammal expert	Bio Res Div. USGS	(805) 927-3893
T	David Ledig Manager	BLM, Coastal Natl. Monument	(831) 630-5006
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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
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**ADDITIONAL SITE SUMMARY COMMENTS:**

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### CONCERNS and ADVICE to RESPONDERS:

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Sensitive Biota including roosting birds, sea otters, and other marine mammals. 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.

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### HAZARDS and RESTRICTIONS:

Margo Dodd Park is a city park managed by Pismo /Shell Beach Public Works Department. Residential area.

This offshore rock is part of the Coastal National Monument under the jurisdiction of Bureau of Land Management.

## SITE STRATEGIES

### Strategy 4-400.1 Objective: Deflect oil from these offshore rocks.

High energy rocky shoreline. Bird Rock and other rocks offshore Shell Beach, including rocks below Margo Dodd Park can be accessed by foot.

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 and recovery

## LOGISTICS

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

From the south: Hwy 101 N to Price St. exit in Pismo Beach. Head north on Price St.. To Cliff Ave., turn left. Margo Dodd Park is off of Cliff Ave. at the south end of Shell Beach.

From the north: Take Hwy 101 S (or Hwy 5 S to Hwy 46 W to Hwy 41 W to Hwy 101 S) to Price St. exit in Pismo Beach, north on Price, right on Cliff Ave.

**LAND ACCESS:** Some stairs down to pocket beach accessible at low tide, foot only

### WATER LOGISTICS:

Limitations: depth, obstruction

Launching, Loading, Docking Port San Luis Harbor, approx. 10 miles north.

and Services Available:

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

Staging Area: Street parking at Margo Dodd park.

Command Post: Hotels; Port San Luis Harbor District office; CDFW office in San Luis Obispo.

Airport: SLO County Airport approx. 15 min. north

### COMMUNICATIONS PROBLEMS:

### ADDITIONAL OPERATIONAL COMMENTS:

