

**4-405 -B Site Summary- Rocky Intertidal Between Shell and Pismo Beaches****4-405 -B**

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

Thomas Guide Location  
714 A-1

Latitude N  
35.1501

Longitude W  
120.6562

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

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**SITE DESCRIPTION:**

See Division I map. Rocky intertidal habitat between Shell and Pismo Beach just north of Best Western Shelter Cove Lodge, bordered by pocket gravel beach. Some rip rap on pocket beach for slope stabilization.

**SEASONAL and SPECIAL RESOURCE CONCERN**

Species of concern are present year round. Harbor seal pupping: March-June. Sea otters pupping: Jan-March then again in the late summer early fall.

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

**RESOURCES OF PRIMARY CONCERN**

Large numbers of harbor seals haulout on this rocky platform. 200 animals have been observed in this area. Southern sea otters can also be found in this area.

**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)**

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**ADDITIONAL SITE SUMMARY COMMENTS:**

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**CONCERNS and ADVICE to RESPONDERS:**

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Penetration of oil in gravel/cobble pocket beach and burial.

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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:**

Rocky intertidal habitat between Shell and Pismo Beach just north of Best Western Shelter Cove Lodge, bordered by pocket gravel beach. Some rip rap on pocket beach for slope stabilization. Offshore rocks

**SITE STRATEGIES**Strategy 4-405.1 Objective: Deflect oil from this rocky intertidal pocket beach area.

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 &amp; 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 Price St. exit in Pismo Beach, head north on Price St. to Best Western Shelter Cove Lodge at 2651 Price St.

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. Continue as above.

**LAND ACCESS:** foot access available at low tide, path from hotel**WATER LOGISTICS:** Offshore rocks are potential navigational hazard.

Limitations: depth, obstruction

Launching, Loading, Docking Port San Luis is approx. 10 miles north.  
and Services Available:

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

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

Staging Area: Shelter Cove Best Western parking Lot.

Airports: SLO County Airport is approx. 15 min. north.

**COMMUNICATIONS PROBLEMS:****ADDITIONAL OPERATIONAL COMMENTS:**

