

4-330-B Site Summary - Pecho Rock**4-330-B****County :** San Luis Obispo **ACP Division/Segment :** SL - H - S 001**NOAA Chart :** 18704**Map Book :****Decimal Degrees** 35.17938 -120.81661**Site Description:**

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. Species of concern are present year round. Designated critical habitat for leatherback sea turtles and black abalone. There are large waves here and shoreline is very rocky. High concentrations of California sea lions (more than 1,500) and harbor seals haulout on this offshore rock. Southern sea otters common. Pigeon guillemots, western gulls, brandts cormorants, pelagic cormorants and brown pelicans.

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

	Resource Name	Status	Presence
Birds	brown pelican		Year-round
Invertebrates	black abalone	FE	Year-round
Mammals	California sea lion	FP	Year-round
Mammals	harbor seal	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 Archeological Information Center	(805) 893-2474
C	/	Native American Heritage Commission	(916) 373-3710
E	John Hodge/Associate Field Manager	Bureau of Land Management, Coastal Natl. Monu	(661) 301-1659
O	Brian Hatfield/Marine Mammal Expert	US Geological Survey, Biological Division	(805) 927-3893
T	Becky Ota/Marine Conservation Manager	California Department of Fish & Wildlife, MPAs	(650) 631-6789
T	Steve Wertz/Senior Environmental Scientist	California Department of Fish and Wildlife, Marine	(562) 343-3808
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	/	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:

Leatherback sea turtles most commonly observed August - November; brown pelicans roost summer - fall; California sea lions pup May - June; harbor seals pup March - June; southern sea otters pup year-round.

Concerns and Advice to Responders:

Black abalone (endangered) may be present on nearby rocky intertidal habitat (designated critical habitat). Leatherback sea turtle designated critical habitat; most commonly observed Aug - Nov. 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

Hazard 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: No Onsite Options: Consider Offshore Containment/Recovery/ART

Strategy: 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.

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Logistics:

Directions: 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: None.

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

Facilities, Staging Areas, Command Posts, Available Equipment: 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: None.

