

**4-829-A Site Summary - Santa Rosa Island: Skunk Point Area****4-829-A****County :** Santa Barbara **ACP Division/Segment :** CI - B - S000**NOAA Chart :** 18720**Map Book :** NA**Decimal Degrees** 33.986667 -120.025**Site Description:**

This site is located on the northeastern side of Santa Rosa Island from the "Southeast Anchorage" area to East Point with primarily medium to coarse-grained sand beaches and wave-cut rock platforms. All year for high concentrations of marine mammals, seabirds and rocky intertidal resources. Nesting seabirds include black oystercatcher (Mar-Sep), Brandt's cormorant (Feb-Aug), pelagic cormorant (Mar-Sep), pigeon guillemot (Mar-Aug), western gull (Mar-Sep) and western snowy plover (Mar-Sept). Pupping and breeding marine mammals include harbor seals (Dec-May), California sea lion (May-Aug) and elephant seals (Dec-July). There are intermittent coastal wetlands and extensive surf grass, giant kelp and eelgrass beds offshore. Two rare and endangered plants (*Dudleya blochmaniae* ssp. *insularis* and *Dudleya gnoma*) exist near the coastline. Some areas offshore of this site are included in the Skunk Point Marine Reserve.

**Resources at Risk:***ESI and Habitat:* 4 Coarse-grained sand beaches

2A Exposed wave-cut platforms in bedrock, mud, or clay

**List of Resources at Risk:**

	Resource Name	Status	Presence
Birds	Western snowy plover	FT	Year-round
Birds	seabirds		Year-round
Invertebrates	rocky intertidal resources		Year-round
Mammals	Santa Rosa Island fox	FE, SE	Year-round
Mammals	Northern elephant seal	FP	Year-round
Mammals	marine mammals		Year-round

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
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	/24hr	Channel Islands National Marine Sanctuary	(805) 729-1271
T	/Deputy Superintendent	Channel Islands National Marine Sanctuary	(805) 448-9971
T	/Sanctuary Superintendent	Channel Islands National Marine Sanctuary	(805) 259-6540
T	Operations Manager/Emergency	Channel Islands National Marine Sanctuary	(805) 705-1790
T	Superintendent of Operations/Deputy	Channel Islands National Marine Sanctuary	(805) 689-8920
T	/Dispatch	Channel Islands National Park	(559) 565-4221
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:**

**Concerns and Advice to Responders:**

Santa Rosa Island is located 40 miles west of Ventura and is home to large numbers of seals and sea lions as well as colonies of seabirds. This site has seasonal marine mammal pupping and breeding from December through August and nesting seabirds from March through November. Trustee agencies may not sanction onshore response activities. Refer to and comply with introductory section of 9814 before initiating any response activities.

**Hazard and Restrictions:**

Conditions in the Santa Barbara Channel and around the islands are variable and the ocean is unforgiving. Only experienced skippers with vessels capable of withstanding severe weather are advised to make the cross-channel passage. Major shipping lanes lie between the islands and the mainland.

**Site Strategies:**

**Strategy: 4-829.1 Objective:** No Onsite Options: Consider Offshore Containment/Recovery/ART

**Strategy:** There are no feasible onshore protection strategies for this area. Attempt to collect and/or disperse oil in offshore locations before it reaches the shoreline. Before initiating any response activities within the Channel Islands National Marine Sanctuary or the Channel Islands National Park, refer to and comply with the Channel Islands Introductory section 9814. Protect the Marine Protected Area (MPA) boundaries.

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**Logistics:**

**Directions:** Only by boat or aircraft. Closest harbors are Santa Barbara and Ventura. Channel Islands Aviation is located at Camarillo Airport and is able to fly and land on the islands. All access to the Channel Islands must be coordinated with National Parks and must follow biosecurity protocols. Refer to introductory section of 9814 for more information.

**Land Access:**

**On-Water Limitations:** Access to the island by water is available at the pier in Bechers Bay.

**Facilities, Staging Areas, Command Posts, Available Equipment:**

**Communications Problems:** Cell phone reception is unreliable. Marine VHF or Satellite phones are the best options.

**Additional Operational Comments:** Each island is equipped with at least 1 base station radio for communication with park headquarters and a marine band radio.

