

County: San Luis Obispo **ACP Division/Segment:** SL - C - S02**NOAA Chart:** 18700**Map Book:****Decimal Degrees:** 35.51887 -121.06922**Site Description:**

Rocky intertidal just below the old Cambria Air Force Station. This is private property with no shore access. Area offshore is within White Rock State Marine Conservation Area MPA which is offshore Cambria AFB to the north 4 miles, and is governed by special fisheries protections established by the DFW Marine Region. Species of concern are present year round. Wave cut platform is a haulout for harbor seals. Southern sea otters common offshore. Designated critical habitat for leatherback sea turtles. Black abalone may be present in rocky intertidal habitat (designated critical habitat).

Resources at Risk:**ESI and Habitat:** 2A Exposed wave-cut platforms in bedrock, mud, or clay

6A Gravel Beach

List of Resources at Risk:

| | Resource Name | Status | Presence | Sensitivity |
|---------------|------------------------|--------|------------|-------------|
| Invertebrates | black abalone | FE | 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 Information Center | (805) 682-4711 |
| C | /Coordinator | Native American Heritage Commission | (916) 373-3710 |
| T | Steve Wertz/Senior Env. Scientist Supervisor | Califorina Department of Fish and Wildlife, MPAs | (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 | /Spill Response Coordinator | 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:

Marine mammal pupping seasons: Harbor seals March - June; southern sea otters year-round. Leatherback sea turtles most commonly observed August - November.

Concerns and Advice to Responders:

Harbor seal pup March - June; southern sea otters (threatened) pup year-round. Throughout Division C, black abalone (endangered) may be present in rocky intertidal habitat (proposed critical habitat). Area offshore is within White Rock State Marine Conservation Area MPA which is offshore Cambria AFB to the north 4 miles, a fisheries protection zone. 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.

Hazard and Restrictions:

No shoreline access.

Site Strategies:**Site Validation Level: II**

Strategy: 4-100.1 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.

Table of Response Resources

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Directions: From the south: Take Hwy 101 N to Hwy 1 N, Morro bay exit in San Luis Obispo. Continue on HWY 1 to approximately 1 mile north of HWY 46 intersection; turn west on private road; follow road 2.3 miles to old AFB facility. Site is south of Cambria approx. 5 miles. Located below cliffs from the old Cambria Air Force Base. Private roads - no access to shoreline but can access bluffs above. From the north: Take Hwy 101 or 5 S to Hwy 46 West to Hwy 1 North; continue as above.

Land Access: No shoreline access.

On-Water Limitations: Limitations: Depth, obstruction. Launching, Loading, Docking and Services Available: Morro Bay boat launch approx. 20 miles south.

Facilities, Staging Areas, Command Posts, Available Equipment: Command Post: Hotels in Cambria; State Park's offices at Hearst Castle. Airports: SLO County Airport is approx. 45 min south. Paso Robles Airport is approx. 45 min inland.

Communications Problems: None.

Additional Operational Comments:



CDFW - OSPR & USCG Site: 4-100 Name: Cambria Air Force Base, Intertidal

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**No shoreline strategies;
consider offshore strategies**