# 6-520-A Site Summary - San Clemente Island, Bird Rock

*County :* Los Angeles ACP Division/Segment :

NOAA Chart : 18763 Map Book :

Decimal Degrees 33.03753 -118.59171

# Site Description:

San Clemente Island (SCI) is the southernmost of the eight California Channel Islands. It lies 55 nautical miles (nm) south of Long Beach and 68 nm west of San Diego. The island is approximately 21 nm long and is 4-1/2 nm across at its widest point. Since 1934, the island has been owned and operated by various naval commands. More than a dozen range and operational areas are clustered within a 60 mile radius of the island. The Commander-in-Chief, Naval Forces, Pacific Fleet (CINCPACFLT) is the major claimant for the island, and Naval Air Station, North Island (NASNI) is responsible for its administration. This site is on a free standing rock utilized by large numbers of birds and year-round. Marine mammal haul-out site. The grenade and detonation range on the main island is adjacent to this site. Contact the San Clemente Island Security Office before responding on this island.

# **Resources at Risk:**

ESI and Habitat: 1C Exposed rocky cliffs with boulder talus base

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

# List of Resources at Risk:

	Resource Name	Status	Presence
Birds	ashy storm petrel	SSC	Year-round
Birds	Scripps's murrelet	ST	Year-round
Invertebrates	black abalone	FE	Year-round
Mammals	California sea lion	FP	Year-round
Mammals	harbor seal	FP	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:

Туре	Name/Title	Organization	Phone
С	Dr. Seth Mallios/	South Coastal Information Center	(619) 594-5682
Е	David Ledig/Manager	BLM, Coastal Natl. Monument	(831) 630-5006
Е	/	San Clemente Island Security Office, duty off	(619) 524-9214
0	Melissa Neuman/	Black Abalone NMFS contact	(562) 980-4115
Т	/	USN-Coronado Natural Resources Office	(619) 545-1130

C – Cultural, Historic, Archaeological; E – Entry/Owner/Access; O – Other; S – Safety; T – Trustee; X – Exclusion or Security

#### Additional Site Summary Comments:

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# Concerns and Advice to Responders:

San Clemente Island is a military facility with restricted access at all times. Contact must be made with the Security Office to obtain permission to enter before responding to sites on this island. The Navy uses the island for live fire exercises. Do not take the "un" out of unexploded ordinance hazards.

#### Hazard and Restrictions:

Note the presence of restricted or dangerous areas at various locations around the island. See San Clemente Island navigation chart (#18762)

# Site Strategies:

Strategy: 6-520.1 Objective: Collect oil offshore before it arrives on the beach.

*Strategy:* Deploy a towed boom array to intercept floating petroleum. (The equipment list describes a single towed array). Multiple arrays may be required to address large spills.

Table of Response Resources

Equipment	Sub-Type	Size Unit	QTY Unit	Last Page Update
Boom	Harbor Boom		500 feet	
Vessel	Boom Boat		2	
Staff	Staff to Deploy		6	

#### Logistics:

Directions: When sea conditions allow, this rock may be approached by small craft.

Land Access: Boat only. The Navy has a 9,300' runway on SCI.

On-Water Limitations: Water access to this rocky coastline is limited. Access to the island is by barge. Contact Naval Air

*Facilities, Staging Areas, Command Posts, Available Equipment:* This is a military facility. Any planned emergency operations need to be coordinated with the Commander, Naval Base, Coronado for logistic support of government operations, and with the Commander, Naval Region, Southwest who is responsible for the natural resources and facilities

Communications Problems: Satellite phones are encouraged. Cell phones may have limited coverage.

*Additional Operational Comments:* This is a military facility. Any planned emergency operations need to be coordinated with the Commander, Naval Base, Coronado for logistic support of government operations, and with the Commander, Naval Region, Southwest who is responsible for the natural resources and facilities on the island. Pre-approval of any



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