

**1-175-A Site Summary - Wilson Creek****1-175-A****County:** Del Norte **ACP Division/Segment:** DN - E - S003**NOAA Chart:** 18600**Map Book:** CA Road Atlas**Decimal Degrees:** 41.60095 -124.10211**Site Description:**

The mouth of Wilson Creek is managed by State Parks as part of Del Norte Coast Redwoods State Park. Offshore rocks within 0.25 miles of shoreline are managed by Redwood National Park. Coarse-grained sand to gravel beach.

Shorebirds, seabirds, waterfowl. California brown pelican (04-11), harlequin duck (SSC)(01-04;09-12) near mouth of Wilson Creek. Marbled murrelets (FT,SE) forage in nearshore waters (01-12). Harbor seals, California sea Lions, river otters (01-12) present in area. Wilson Creek has anadromous salmonids including: coho (FT,ST) and chinook (SSC) salmon, steelhead (SSC), and coastal cutthroat trout (SSC): spawning runs (08-06): smolts/juveniles (02-08); groundfish (EFH); surfsmelt spawn (03-07), Pacific lamprey, juvenile rockfish in this intertidal zone. Adult rockfish are important commercial species. Rocky-intertidal MARINE monitoring sites near False Klamath Cove Rock.

**Resources at Risk:***ESI and Habitat:* 6A Gravel Beach

5 Mixed sand and gravel beaches

1A Exposed Rocky Shore

**List of Resources at Risk:**

	<b>Resource Name</b>	<b>Status</b>	<b>Presence</b>	<b>Sensitivity</b>
Birds	marbled murrelet	FT, SE	Year-round	
Birds	harlequin duck	FP, SSC	Sep-Jan	
Birds	bird rookeries		Year-round	Mar-Sep
Birds	common loon	FP, SSC	Year-round	
Fish	Pacific lamprey	SSC	Year-round	
Fish	salmonids		Year-round	
Fish	eulachon	FT	Year-round	
Mammals	pinnipeds	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:**

<b>Type</b>	<b>Name/Title</b>	<b>Organization</b>	<b>Phone</b>
C	/Coordinator	Native American Heritage Commission	(916) 373-3710
C	/Coordinator	Northwest Information Center	(707) 588-8455
E	/	Del Norte County Sheriff's Department	(707) 464-4191
E	/	Redwood National and State Parks	(707) 464-6101
O	/Supervisor Ranger (24hr)	NORCOM State Parks Dispatch	(916) 358-1300
T	/	NOAA National Marine Fisheries Service-Arcata	(707) 822-7201
T	/	US Fish and Wildlife Service-Arcata Field Office	(707) 822-7201
T	/	Yurok Tribal Office, Klamath	(707) 482-1350

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

**Additional Site Summary Comments:**

Breeding seabirds will use these rocks for nesting in the spring. Offshore rocks provide roosting and nesting habitat for birds and haulout locations for marine mammals. Care should be taken so that response activities do not flush wildlife from these areas. The rocks are sensitive to human intrusion year round, especially during nesting season (03-09) when the adults are on eggs and until the young have fledged from the nest. The offshore rocks have cultural significance for local tribes.

For further information about coastal access in this area, please refer to the California Coastal Commission's California Coastal Access Guide. For photos of the coastline in this area, please refer to the California Coastal Records Project ([www.californiacoastline.org](http://www.californiacoastline.org)).

Cultural, Historical, and Archeological sites are known to exist in the area, however, the exact locations of these sites must be ascertained by contacting the Native American Heritage Commission at (916) 373-3710, the State Office of Historical Preservation (916) 445-7000, and/or the Northwest Information Center (707) 588-8455.

**Concerns and Advice to Responders:**

The rugged coastline will prevent onshore response over most of this area. Off-site measures including dispersants should be considered when a spill threatens to impact this area. Overflights should be careful to maintain flight path and altitude clearance distances that are large enough to prevent the flushing of birds and marine mammals from their nests, roosts, and haulouts on the offshore rocks in this area.

**Hazard and Restrictions:**

Beach is steep during storm months (winter and early spring).

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

**Strategy: 1-175.1 Objective:** Pre-clean beach

*Strategy:* Remove woody debris to above the high tide line before oil arrives.

Table of Response Resources

**Last Page Update****Logistics:**

*Directions:* Wilson Creek is accessible from Highway 101 approximately 14-miles south of Crescent City, 7-miles north of Klamath and 70-miles north of Eureka. Parking area for Wilson Creek Beach at M.P. 12.642 is immediately off Highway 101 on the west side. Lagoon Creek is located about 0.5 miles to the south with another parking area and restroom adjacent to the lagoon. Parking is also available to the east off Highway 101 at the former Youth Hostel.

*Land Access:* All vehicles can access parking lots managed by RNSP

*On-Water Limitations:* Currents can be strong especially during winter

*Facilities, Staging Areas, Command Posts, Available Equipment:* Lagoon Creek is a maintained recreation area with permanent restroom facilities and parking lot large enough to accommodate tractor-trailer rigs. The parking at Wilson Creek could support local response staging needs, but lacks utilities.

*Communications Problems:* Remote, limited communications.

*Additional Operational Comments:*

