

**1-410-A Site Summary - Shoreline Rock****1-410-A****County:** Mendocino **ACP Division/Segment:** MN - A - S03**NOAA Chart:** 18620**Map Book:** CA Road Atlas**Decimal Degrees:** 39.82067 -123.84893**Site Description:**

This remote site includes nearshore and offshore rocks managed by the BLM as part of the California Coastal National Monument and is less than a mile south of Usal Beach. Nearshore and offshore rocks, shoreline is exposed, rocky shores and wave-cut platforms, the beach to the north consists of coarse sediments.

Seabird rookeries (03-09): pelagic cormorant, pigeon guillemot, western gull; marine mammals, red abalone, groundfish (EFH).

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

6A Gravel Beach

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

**List of Resources at Risk:**

	Resource Name	Status	Presence	Sensitivity
Birds	peregrine falcon	FP, SP	Year-round	
Birds	pelagic cormorant	FP	Year-round	Mar-Sep
Birds	pigeon guillemot	FP	Year-round	Mar-Sep
Birds	western gull	FP	Year-round	Mar-Sep
Birds	marbled murrelet	FT, SE	Year-round	
Mammals	harbor seal	FP	Year-round	
Mammals	California sea lion	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:**

Type	Name/Title	Organization	Phone
C	/Coordinator	Native American Heritage Commission	(916) 373-3710
C	/Coordinator	Northwest Information Center	(707) 588-8455
O	/24hr	CalFire Howard Forest Emergency Command	(707) 459-5336
O	/	Mendocino County Sheriff's Department	(707) 463-4086
T	/	California State Parks North Coast District	(707) 445-6547
T	/	NOAA National Marine Fisheries Service-Arcata	(707) 822-7201
T	/	US Fish and Wildlife Service-Arcata Field Office	(707) 822-7201

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 on shore 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:**

Extreme currents, high energy shoreline, offshore rocks

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

**Strategy: 1-410.1 Objective:** No Onsite Options: Consider Offshore Containment/Recovery/ART

**Strategy:** This site is best protected by preventing the oil from arriving here, when possible. Off-site response options including dispersants should be considered.

Table of Response Resources

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

**Directions:** Take Hwy 101 to Hwy 1 at Leggett, go south on Hwy 1 for 14.6 miles to M.P. 90.91. Take Usal Road (4WD may be required at times) north 9.5 miles to Usal Beach Campground. Shoreline Rock is offshore about .6 miles south of the mouth of Usal Creek. Contact Sinkyone Wilderness State Park.

**Land Access:** Narrow dirt road may require 4WD in wet season

**On-Water Limitations:** Offshore rocks, limited access, no launch facilities

**Facilities, Staging Areas, Command Posts, Available Equipment:** Small unimproved campground at Usal Creek.

**Communications Problems:** Remote, limited communications

