

**1-476-B Site Summary - Bonee Gulch****1-476-B****County:** Mendocino **ACP Division/Segment:** MN - G - S002 MN - G - S003**NOAA Chart:** 18620,18626 **Map Book:** CA Road Atlas **Decimal Degrees:** 39.1137 -123.71573**Site Description:**

This site is south of and immediately adjacent to the Cuffey's Creek to Greenwood Creek site (ACP site 1-475-A). Bonee Gulch drains into Greenwood Creek. Offshore rocks in the area are managed by BLM as part of the California Coastal National Monument. Rocky bluffs and offshore rocks.

Seabird colonies primarily Brandt's and pelagic cormorants: > 100 pairs of nesting birds; ashy storm-petrel (SSC); marine mammals; anadromous salmonids include chinook (FT) and coho salmon (FE/SE), steelhead trout (FT): all life stages, estuary use year round; red abalone, kelp; sensitive plant communities nearby include deceiving sedge, Mendocino Coast paintbrush, short-leaved evax (all CNPS 1B.2).

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

5 Mixed sand and gravel beaches

4 Coarse-grained sand beaches

**List of Resources at Risk:**

	<b>Resource Name</b>	<b>Status</b>	<b>Presence</b>	<b>Sensitivity</b>
Amphibians	foothill yellow-legged frog	SE, SSC	Year-round	Mar-Aug
Birds	Brandt's cormorant	FP	Year-round	
Birds	pelagic cormorant	FP	Year-round	
Fish	coho salmon - south of Punta Gorda	FE, SE	Year-round	Nov-Apr
Fish	steelhead - Central/Northern California	FT	Year-round	Nov-Apr
Fish	chinook salmon - Winter-run	FE, SE	Year-round	Oct-May

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
O	/24hr	CalFire Howard Forest Emergency Command	(707) 459-5336
O	/	Mendocino County Sheriff's Department	(707) 463-4086
T	/	Bureau of Land Management	(707) 825-2300
T	/Sector Superintendent	California State Parks, Mendocino District	(707) 937-5804
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 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. Response efforts that cause any disturbance to marine mammals or nesting seabirds should be avoided whenever possible.

**Hazard and Restrictions:**

Extreme currents, high energy shoreline, offshore rocks

**Site Strategies:**

**Site Validation Level: II**

**Strategy: 1-476.1 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. Apply dispersants to off-site oil before it arrives at this sensitive site.

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**Logistics:**

*Directions:* Take Hwy 101 to Hwy 128 just north of Cloverdale, follow Hwy 128 west to Hwy 1. Bonee Gulch is south of Greenwood Creek/Cuffey's Cove area just off Hwy 1, just south of the community of Elk. This site has no access.

*Land Access:*

*On-Water Limitations:*

*Facilities, Staging Areas, Command Posts, Available Equipment:* none

*Communications Problems:* Remote, limited communications

