

1-486-B Site Summary - Point Arena**1-486-B****County:** Mendocino **ACP Division/Segment:** MN - I - S01 MN - I - S02**NOAA Chart:** 18640 **Map Book:** CA Road Atlas **Decimal Degrees:** 38.95571 -123.74143**Site Description:**

This site includes the rugged coastline between Point Arena and Arena Cove including the port and pier near the town of Point Arena. Most of the shoreline and offshore rocks in the area are managed by BLM as part of the California Coastal National Monument and Point Arena-Stornetta Unit. This site includes the Point Arena State Marine Reserve, Point Arena State Marine Conservation Area, and Sea Lion Cove SMCA. Rocky headlands and offshore rocks.

Point Arena mountain beaver live in burrows and are present around this site. Stay on roads to avoid burrow destruction. Do not drive response vehicles off road in the brush.

Resources found near the site include seabird colonies, primarily pigeon guillemots and pelagic cormorants, Laysan albatross seasonally, raptors, juvenile gulls, black oystercatcher. Marine mammals including Steller sea lions; Point Arena mountain beaver (FE,SSC) habitat nearby. Red abalone, groundfish (EFH). Sensitive plant communities include Northern Coastal Bluff Scrub, vegetation nearby includes coast lily (CNPS 1B.1), Baker's goldfields, coastal bluff morning-glory, deceiving sedge, Humboldt Bay owl's clover, marsh microseris, Mendocino Coast paintbrush, Mendocino dodder, perennial goldfields, short-leaved evax, supple daisy (all CNPS 1B.2); Behren's silverspot butterfly (FE), Lotis blue butterfly (FE) historical location, western bumble bee.

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

1A Exposed Rocky Shore

6A Gravel Beach

List of Resources at Risk:

	Resource Name	Status	Presence	Sensitivity
Birds	seabirds		Year-round	
Birds	Laysan albatross	FP		Jul-Nov
Insects	Behren's silverspot butterfly	FE	Year-round	
Insects	Lotis blue butterfly	FE	Year-round	
Mammals	Pt. Arena mountain beaver	FE	Year-round	
Mammals	Steller sea lion	FP	Year-round	Aug-Apr

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
E	/	Point Arena Light Station	(707) 882-2777
O	/24hr	CalFire Howard Forest Emergency Command	(707) 459-5336
O	/	Mendocino County Sheriff's Department	(707) 463-4086
O	/Supervisor Ranger (24hr)	NORCOM State Parks Dispatch	(916) 358-1300
O	/	Point Arena Pier	(707) 882-2583
O	/	Wharfmaster's	(707) 882-3171
T	/	Bureau of Land Management	(707) 825-2300
T	/Sector Superintendent	California State Parks, Mendocino District	(707) 937-5804
T	/Resource Protection Specialist (24hr)	Greater Farallones National Marine Sanctuary	(650) 479-5311
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).

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:

Extreme currents, offshore rocks, high energy shoreline, short steep beaches in some areas.

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

Strategy: 1-486.1 Objective: No Onsite Options: Consider Offshore Containment/Recovery/ART
Strategy: Minimize shoreline impacts by offshore response. Open coastal rocky shore conditions will usually preclude on-site response here. Off-site alternative response strategies should be considered when applicable. Dispersion may be the only viable response option.

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Directions: Take Hwy 101 north to Hwy 128 just north of Cloverdale, follow Hwy 128 west to Hwy 1, go south on Hwy 1. To reach the point and lighthouse, turn west onto Lighthouse Road. This road runs along the bluffs near the ocean. Beach access is not possible. The Lighthouse grounds area is open from 10:00 AM to 3:30 PM. Check the Coastal Resource Guide for contacts to access grounds at other times. To reach the port and Arena Cove, turn west on Port Rd in town of Point Arena and follow to end of road.

Land Access: Foot access only down steep cliffs

On-Water Limitations: Rocky coast with dangerous nearshore conditions. Boat launch by 10,000 lb. davit hoist at Arena Cove Pier.

Facilities, Staging Areas, Command Posts, Available Equipment: Staging is available at Arena Cove which is South on Hwy 1 in the town of Pt. Arena. The pier is found off Hwy 1 by turning onto Iversen Avenue and going east one mile. There is lodging, a coffee shop, restaurant, in the area. A marine hoist for launching boats on the pier, rest rooms and phones are also near by.

Communications Problems: Remote, limited communications

