

County: **Del Norte**
 USGS Quad: **Crescent City**

Thomas Guide Location
 CA Road Atlas
 NOAA Chart: **18603**

Latitude N
 41 47'
 Longitude W
 124 15'

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SITE DESCRIPTION:

The Point St. George site includes an offshore rock and the rocky headlands and beaches adjacent to the rock. The beach and sand dunes between Point St. George and the Smith River are managed by State Parks as Tolowa Dunes State Park. The site consists of a large offshore rock with associated features that include:

Rocky headland.

Wave-cut platforms.

Gravel beaches.

Response category 7. Conventional response is not realistic based upon current technology.

SEASONAL and SPECIAL RESOURCE CONCERN

Offshore rocks provide roosting and nesting habitat for birds and haul out locations for marine mammals. Care should be taken so that response activities do not flush wildlife from these areas. The offshore rocks have cultural significance for local tribes.

RESOURCES OF PRIMARY CONCERN

Large rocky inter tidal areas surrounding the wave-cut platforms. 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.

Seabird rookeries (02-10): Black oystercatchers, Western gulls, Pelagic cormorants, Pigeon guillemots, Fork-tailed storm petrel (SSC).

Marbled murrelets (FT, SE)(01-12).

Harlequin ducks (SSC)(10-04).

Plovers and Turnstones not breeding but present.

CULTURAL, HISTORIC, and ARCHEOLOGICAL SENSITIVITIES

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) 653-4082 and State Office of Historical Preservation (916) 445-7000, and/or Ms. Vicki Bates, Coordinator of the North Coast Information Center (707) 482-1822.

KEY CONTACTS: Trustee (T); Entry/Owner/Access (E); Cultural (C); or Other Assistance (O)

Type	Name / Title	Organization	Phone
C		Smith River Rancheria	(707) 487-9255
E		Del Norte County Parks	(707) 464-7230
E		Del Norte County Sheriff's Dept	(707) 464-4191
T	Randy Brown	US Fish and Wildlife Service	(707) 822-7201
T	Rick Hanks Manager	California Coastal National Monument	(831) 915-4621
O	Troy Nicolini	National Weather Service Woodley Island	(707) 442-2171

ADDITIONAL SITE SUMMARY COMMENTS:

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).

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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 haul outs sanctuaries on the offshore rocks in this area.

HAZARDS and RESTRICTIONS:

High energy shoreline, extreme currents, offshore rocks, unpredictable waves.

SITE STRATEGIES

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

strategy number	harbor boom	swamp boom	Other boom type	sorb boom	Anchoring no type and gear	Boom boat	Skiffs punts	Skimmers No Type	Special Equipment or comment No and kinds	staff deploy	Staff tend
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LOGISTICS

DIRECTIONS: to site (by land and/or by water, to nearest launch ramp and are access permits required.)

Go north through Crescent City on U.S. Hwy 101 to Northcrest Drive M.P. 27.010. Take northcrest Drive. Turn left on Washington Blvd. Washington BLVD turns into Radio Road. Continue on Radio Road to the end. Vehicular access to the beach is possible through a locked gate at the end of Radio Road N41.78367 W124.25127. (Contact Del Norte county Sheriff's Dept 707-464-4191). The Point St. George site includes an offshore rock and the rocky headlands and beaches adjacent to the rock. The beach and sand dunes between Point St. George and the Smith River are managed by State Parks as Tolowa Dunes State Park.

LAND ACCESS: Locked access to the beach.

WATER LOGISTICS:

Limitations: depth, obstruction

Launching, Loading, Docking

and Services Available:

FACILITIES, STAGING AREAS, POSSIBLE FIELD POSTS AND EQUIPMENT AVAILABLE:

Staging for a local response is available at the end of Radar Station Rd.. NO utilities or services are available, just parking space.

COMMUNICATIONS PROBLEMS:

ADDITIONAL OPERATIONAL COMMENTS:

