

# 1-454 -A Site Summary- Caspar Creek and Doyle Creek

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County: **Mendocino**  
USGS Quad: **Mendocino**

Thomas Guide Location  
CA Road Atlas  
NOAA Chart: **18626**

Latitude N  
39 21' 30"  
Longitude W  
123 49'

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## SITE DESCRIPTION:

This site is at the mouth of two creeks that enter the ocean within a cove just south of the community of Caspar. Offshore rocks in the area are managed by BLM as part of the California Coastal National Monument. Creeks flow alongside bedrock bluffs (Caspar Creek along north bluff and Doyle Creek along south bluff) and across medium grained sandy beaches. Caspar Creek has a small lagoon with a fringing marsh on its east side. Some wetland areas also exist along Doyle Creek. Riprap fronts the access road at the back of the beach and could be oiled under storm conditions.

## SEASONAL and SPECIAL RESOURCE CONCERN

The marsh provides habitat for many kinds of ducks and shorebirds that forage there year round. Salmonid migrations through the estuary would occur mostly during high water flow events during winter and spring.

## RESOURCES OF PRIMARY CONCERN

Freshwater and saltwater marshes in both creeks

Foraging seabirds and shorebirds. Waterfowl resting, feeding, nesting in the small Caspar Creek lagoon

Steelhead (FT) spawning (10-06), juveniles/smolt (02-08). Juveniles may be present in nearshore moving between the two creeks.

Red abalone

## 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. Leigh Jordan, Coordinator of the Northwest Information Center (707) 588-8455.

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

Type	Name / Title	Organization	Phone
O		Mendocino County Sheriff's Dept.	(707) 463-4086
T		California Dept of Fish and Game, Fort Bragg	(707) 964-9078
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](http://www.californiacoastline.org)).

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**CONCERNS and ADVICE to RESPONDERS:**

**HAZARDS and RESTRICTIONS:**

## SITE STRATEGIES

Strategy 1-454.1 Objective: Exclusion boom Casper Creek to prevent oil from moving upstream on an incoming tide.

Exclusion boom the mouth of Casper Creek

Strategy 1-454.2 Objective: Exclusion boom Doyle Creek to prevent oil from moving upstream on an incoming tide.

Exclusion boom the mouth of the creek

Strategy 1-454.3 Objective: Install a filter fence in Doyle Creek to prevent oil from moving upstream on an incoming tide.

Install a filter fence using pom poms, stakes, & line

Strategy 1-454.4 Objective: Dam Doyle Creek to prevent oil from moving upstream on an incoming tide.

Construct an underflow dam using either heavy equipment or sandbags & hand crew

## Table of Response Resources

strategy number	harbor boom	swamp boom	Other boom type	sorb boom	Anchoring no tvøe and gear	Boom boat	Skiffs punts	Skimmers No Type	Special Equipment or comment No and kinds	staff deploy	Staff tend
1-454.1	300	0	0	0	6 22lb+ danforth anchors	0	0	0	0	8	
1-454.2	200	0	0	0	4 22lb+ danforth anchors	0	0	0	0	8	
1-454.3	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	200 feet of pom poms, line & stakes	8	2
1-454.4	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	1 Front end loader or lots of sand bags	8	2

## LOGISTICS

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

Take U.S. hwy 101 to Willits. Go west on state hwy 20 to state hwy 1 at Fort Bragg. Turn south on state hwy 1. Take P. Cabrillo Drive (M.P. 54.66) west from hwy 1 on the south side of Caspar Creek bridge. Follow for .5 mile to pull out on Caspar Creek beach. Access for beach is via Sandy Road, .3 mile past turnout and near Caspar Beach RV park. This site is at the mouth of two creeks that enter the ocean within a cove just south of the community of Caspar. Offshore rocks in the area are managed by BLM as part of the California Coastal National Monument.

**LAND ACCESS:** Drive on vehicle access.

### WATER LOGISTICS:

Limitations: depth, obstruction

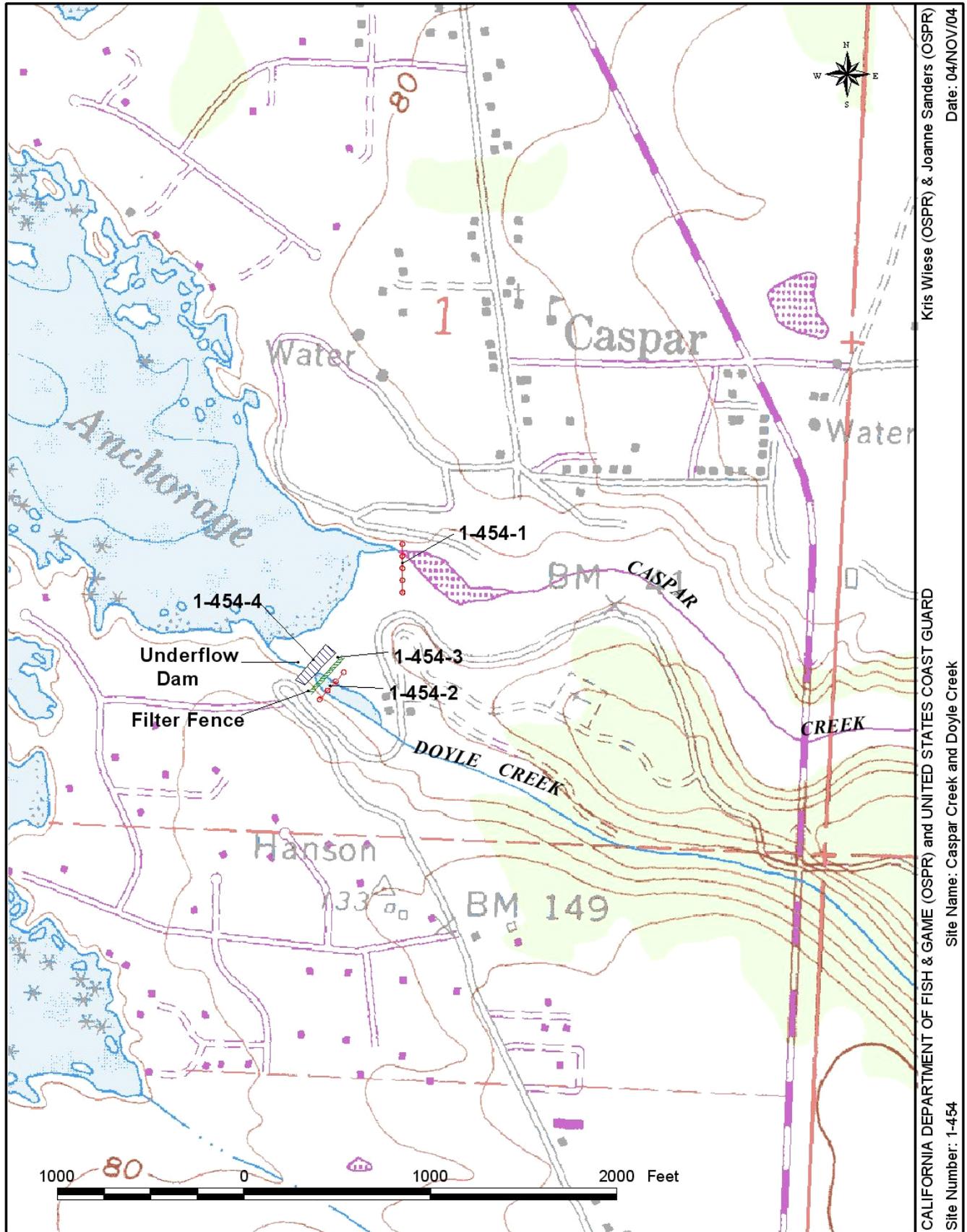
Launching, Loading, Docking Nearest launch is Noyo Harbor  
and Services Available:

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

Staging at this site is adequate for immediate site needs only. The site is close to Fort Bragg and does not have on site facilities.

### COMMUNICATIONS PROBLEMS:

### ADDITIONAL OPERATIONAL COMMENTS:



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CALIFORNIA DEPARTMENT OF FISH & GAME (OSPR) and UNITED STATES COAST GUARD  
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