

1-170 -A Site Summary- Footsteps Rocks to Radar Station Rocks

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County: **Del Norte**
USGS Quad: **Requa**

Thomas Guide Location
CA Road Atlas
NOAA Chart: **18600**

Latitude N
41 35'
Longitude W
124 06'

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SITE DESCRIPTION:

The northern shoreline of this site is managed by State Parks as part of Del Norte Coast Redwoods State Park, the southern shoreline and all offshore rocks within a quarter mile are managed by the National Park Service (Redwood National Park). This site is within the following State Marine Protected Area(s): False Klamath Rock Special Closure. Offshore rocks, rocky headland, gravel beaches, tidal inlet.

SEASONAL and SPECIAL RESOURCE CONCERN

Breeding seabirds will use these rocks for nesting in the spring. 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

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 (03-09): Common murre (>27,000 observed on False Klamath Rock), Brandt's and Pelagic cormorants, Pigeon guillemot, Western gull, Black oystercatcher - these spp. Are present throughout year.

Double-crested cormorant (breeding/nesting (03-09), California brown pelican roosts on False Klamath Rock
Raptors: Peregrine falcon (01-12), osprey (02-11)

Marbled murrelets (FT,SE) forage in nearshore waters (01-12)

Stellar's sea lion (FT) and California sea lion haul out one mile north of Klamath River mouth.

Large harbor seal rookery on pocket beaches a quarter mile north of Klamath River mouth.

Haul out areas near south end of this site

Groundfish (EFH)

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) 373-3710, the State Office of Historical Preservation (916) 445-7000, and/or Mr. Bryan Much, 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
T		North Coast Redwoods District	(707) 445-6547
O		Northern Communications (24hr)	(916) 358-0333
E		Del Norte County Sheriff's Dept	(707) 464-4191
T		Redwood National & State Parks	(707) 464-6101
T	David Ledig Manager	BLM California Coastal National Monument	(831) 630-5006
O	Troy Nicolini	National Weather Service Woodley Island	(707) 442-2171
T	Becky Ota Marine Conservation Mgr	CDFW Marine Protected Areas Program	(650) 631-6789
T	Bob Pagliuco	NOAA/Nat'l Marine Fisheries Service	(707) 834-2215
T	Bill Pinnix	USFWS Arcata Field Office	(707) 845-6858
	Steve Wertz Senior Env. Scientist	CDFW Marine Protected Areas Program	(562) 342-7184

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 with extreme currents and offshore rocks.

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.)

Take U.S. Hwy 101 S. from Crescent City or north from Eureka. Footsteps Rocks Trail from Hwy 101 is no longer maintained but may provide access to Footsteps Rock in an emergency (contact Redwood National & State Parks for guidance). Access to Radar Station Rocks area via trail from site 1-175-A. The northern shoreline of this site is managed by State Parks as part of Del Norte Coast Redwoods State Park, the southern shoreline and all offshore rocks within a quarter mile are managed by the National Park Service (Redwood National Park). This site is within the following State Marine Protected Area(s): False Klamath Rock Special Closure.

LAND ACCESS: Foot access only.

WATER LOGISTICS: offshore rocks throughout area

Limitations: depth, obstruction

Launching, Loading, Docking None nearby

and Services Available:

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

COMMUNICATIONS PROBLEMS: Remote, limited communications

ADDITIONAL OPERATIONAL COMMENTS: Some parts of site can be accessed on foot via the Coastal Trail from trailheads located

