

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

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

Latitude N Longitude W  
 41 35' 45" 124 06'

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**SITE DESCRIPTION:**

The mouth of Wilson Creek is managed by State Parks as part of Del Norte Coast Redwoods State Park. Offshore rocks within 0.25 miles of shoreline are managed by National Park Service (Redwood National Park). Coarse grained sand to gravel beach.

**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**

Wilson Creek has anadromous salmonids. The offshore 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.

Shorebirds, seabirds, waterfowl.

- California brown pelican (04-11)
- Harlequin duck (SSC)(01-04;09-12) mouth of Wilson Creek
- Marbled murrelets (FT,SE) forage in nearshore waters (01-12)

Sea Lions present in area  
 River otters (01-12)

Anadromous salmonids: Coho (FT,ST) and Chinook salmon. Steelhead and Coastal cutthroat trout (SSC).

- spawning runs (08-06)
- smolts/juveniles (02-08)
- Surfsmelt spawn (03-07)

Pacific lamprey

Juvenile rockfish in this intertidal zone. Adult rockfish are important commercial species.

Rocky-intertidal MARINE monitoring sites near False Klamath Cove Rock.

**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		Redwood National & State Parks	(707) 464-6101
E		Del Norte County Sheriff's Dept	(707) 464-4191
O	Troy Nicolini	National Weather Service Woodley Island	(707) 442-2171
T	Bob Pagliuco	NOAA/Nat'l Marine Fisheries Service	(707) 834-2215
T	Bill Pinnix	USFWS Arcata Field Office	(707) 845-6858

**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)).

# 1-175 -A Site Strategy - Wilson Creek

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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 off shore rocks in this area.

## HAZARDS and RESTRICTIONS:

Beach is steep during storm months (winter and early spring).

## SITE STRATEGIES

### Strategy 1-175.1 Objective: Pre-clean beach

Remove woody debris to above the high tide line before oil arrives.

### Table of Response Resources

strategy number	harbor boom	swamp boom	Other boom type	sorb boom	Anchoring		Boom boat	Skiffs punts	Skimmers		Special Equipment or comment		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.)

Alongside U.S. Hwy 101 about 15 miles south of Crescent City. Parking area for Wilson Creek Beach at M.P. 12.642 is immediately off highway 101 on the west side. Lagoon Creek is located about 0.5 miles to the south, and the parking area is adjacent to the lagoon. Parking is also available to the east off hwy 101 at the former Youth Hostel. The mouth of Wilson Creek is managed by State Parks as part of Del Norte Coast Redwoods State Park. Offshore rocks within 0.25 miles of shoreline are managed by National Park Service (Redwood National Park).

**LAND ACCESS:** All vehicle access to parking lot managed by RNSP

**WATER LOGISTICS:** currents can be strong esp. during winter  
Limitations: depth, obstruction  
Launching, Loading, Docking  
and Services Available:

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

Lagoon Creek is a maintained recreation area with permanent restroom facilities and parking lot large enough to accommodate tractor-trailer rigs. The parking at Wilson Creek could support local response staging needs, but lacks utilities.

**COMMUNICATIONS PROBLEMS:** Remote, limited communications

**ADDITIONAL OPERATIONAL COMMENTS:**

