

County: **Humboldt**  
 USGS Quad: **Ferndale**

Thomas Guide Location  
 CA Road Atlas  
 NOAA Chart: **18620**

Latitude N Longitude W  
 40 30' 30" 124 23' 30"

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**SITE DESCRIPTION:**

These offshore rocks are managed by the BLM as part of the California Coastal National Monument. Offshore rocks

**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: 2004 Common murre estimates 16700; 2002 estimates: Brandt's cormorant ~800 ; Western gull ~100; Pelagic cormorant ~240; Pigeon guillemot ~50.

Marine mammal haul out areas.

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
O		Humboldt County Sheriff	(707) 445-7251
T	David Ledig Manager	BLM California Coastal National Monument	(831) 630-5006
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)).

# 1-268 -A Site Strategy - False Cape Rock

County and Thomas Guide Location  
CA Road Atlas Humboldt

NOAA CHART  
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# 1-268 -A

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## CONCERNS and ADVICE to RESPONDERS:

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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:

Extreme currents, high energy shoreline, 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.

### Strategy 1-268.1 Objective: Prevent spilled oil from floating to this site.

Conventional on-scene response is not possible at this site. Protect with off-site response measures only.

## Table of Response Resources

strategy number	harbor boom	swamp boom	Other boom type	sorb boom	Anchoring no	tvpe and gear	Boom boat	Skiffs punts	Skimmers No	Type	Special Equipment or comment No and kinds	staff deploy	Staff tend
1-268.1	0	0	0	0	0		0	0	0		0	Protect with off-site response measures only.	

## LOGISTICS

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

No access. These offshore rocks are managed by the BLM as part of the California Coastal National Monument.

### LAND ACCESS:

### WATER LOGISTICS:

Limitations: depth, obstruction  
Launching, Loading, Docking  
and Services Available:

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

COMMUNICATIONS PROBLEMS: Remote, limited communications.

### ADDITIONAL OPERATIONAL COMMENTS:

