

# 1-298 -B Site Summary- Shelter Cove and Cormorant Hotel

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County: **Humboldt**  
USGS Quad: **Shelter Cove**

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

Latitude N  
40 02'  
Longitude W  
124 05'

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## SITE DESCRIPTION:

Shelter Cove is a small community on the Southern Humboldt coast. Humboldt Bay Harbor District manages the boat launch facility. Public lands surround the community and are managed by the BLM as part of the King Range National Conservation Area. Offshore rocks in the area are managed by BLM as part of the California Coastal National Monument and the associated Rocks and Islands Wilderness. Rocky headlands, offshore rocks.

## 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

Shelter Cove is a small, unprotected harbor that is surrounded by high energy beaches and rocky cliffs. Minimal on-scene response during rare low sea state conditions only. The areas coastline and offshore rocks provide potential habitat for sea bird colonies and marine mammal haul outs.

Seabird rookery: Pelagic cormorant (as many as 280 observed)

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		BLM 24 hour dispatch	(707) 268-2000
T		Bureau of Land Management-Arcata Field Office	(707) 825-2300
T		CA Dept of Fish and Wildlife, Fort Bragg	(707) 964-9078
E	Richard Culp	Shelter Cove Resort Improvement District	(707) 986-7747
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
T	Gary Pritchard-Peterson Manager	BLM King Range National Conservation Area	(707) 986-5400

## 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:

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 current, 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.

## 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.)

From Eureka, go south on U.S. hwy 101. Take Redway exit M.P. 11.653. Follow this road to Redway. Turn right onto Shelter Cove - Briceland Road. Continue on this road to Whitethorn Junction (large fork in the road). Do not turn. Continue on Shelter Cove Road into Shelter Cove. Follow the city road paralleling the coastline. Shelter Cove is a small community on the Southern Humboldt coast. Humboldt Bay Harbor District manages the boat launch facility. Public lands surround the community and are managed by the BLM as part of the King Range National Conservation Area. Offshore rocks in the area are managed by BLM as part of the California Coastal National Monument and the associated Rocks and Islands Wilderness.

**LAND ACCESS:** Drive on access in the Cove, ATV's at the Lost Coast Trail

**WATER LOGISTICS:** Beach boat launching in the Cove

Limitations: depth, obstruction

Launching, Loading, Docking Boat launch at Shelter Cove

and Services Available:

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

Staging for large local response equipment is available at Shelter Cove. Lodging, camping areas, water, phone, fuel, and food are all available in the local area. Additional staging is available nearby at Black Sands Beach. This beach is at the southern end of the Lost Coast Trail in the King Range National Conservation Area.

**COMMUNICATIONS PROBLEMS:** Remote, limited communications

**ADDITIONAL OPERATIONAL COMMENTS:**

