

1-458 -B Site Summary- Mendocino Headlands State Park**1-458 -B**

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

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

Latitude N
 39 18'
 Longitude W
 123 48' 30"

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SITE DESCRIPTION:

This site is composed of the rocky shoreline adjacent to the community of Mendocino and is managed by State Parks. Offshore rocks in the area are managed by BLM as part of the California Coastal National Monument. Rocky bluffs, surge channels, seastacks and offshore rocks. Fully exposed wave energy.

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 colonies, primarily Pelagic cormorant, Pigeon guillemot, Western gull, Black oystercatcher
 marine mammals
 Groundfish (EFH)
 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) 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		Northern Communications (24hr)	(916) 358-0333
T	Sector Superintendent	California State Parks Mendocino District	(707) 937-5804
O		Mendocino County Sheriff's Dept.	(707) 463-4086
T	David Ledig Manager	BLM California Coastal National Monument	(831) 630-5006
O	Troy Nicolini	National Weather Service Woodley Island	(707) 442-2171
T	Joe Pecharich	NOAA/Nat'l Marine Fisheries Service	(707) 583-3189
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).

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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.

Strategy 1-458.1 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	Boat 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 U.S. Hwy 101 at Willits, take state Hwy 20 to state Hwy 1 at Fort Bragg. Go south on state Hwy 1 to the Mendocino exit (Lansing Street). In Mendocino, turn west on Heeser Drive to its end at the headlands. This site is composed of the rocky shoreline adjacent to the community of Mendocino and is managed by State Parks. Offshore rocks in the area are managed by BLM as part of the California Coastal National Monument.

LAND ACCESS: Shoreline access is limited to foot traffic

WATER LOGISTICS: No launching facilities are available at this site.

Limitations: depth, obstruction

Launching, Loading, Docking

and Services Available:

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

Staging for local response equipment is available in the parking lots above the beaches in the general area. These parking lots are unpaved and have no utilities. Food service and phones are the only resources generally available for response in the immediate area.

COMMUNICATIONS PROBLEMS:

ADDITIONAL OPERATIONAL COMMENTS:

