

County: **Mendocino**
 USGS Quad: **Mallo Pass Creek**

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

Latitude N
 39 06'
 Longitude W
 123 42' 30"

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SITE DESCRIPTION:

This site includes the tidal estuary at the mouth of Elk Creek. Offshore rocks in the area are managed by BLM as part of the California Coastal National Monument. Inlet to Elk Creek with a marsh system along margins of the channel.

SEASONAL and SPECIAL RESOURCE CONCERN

The marsh provides habitat for many kinds of ducks and shorebirds that forage there year round. Salmonid migrations through the estuary would occur mostly during high water flow events during winter and spring.

RESOURCES OF PRIMARY CONCERN

Extensive marsh system is highly sensitive to oiling.

Seabirds, shorebirds, waterfowl

Anadromous salmonids: Coho salmon (FE,SE), Steelhead (FT):

- spawning runs (09-06)
- juveniles/smolt (02-08)

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		Mendocino County Sheriff's Dept.	(707) 463-4086
T		CA Dept of Fish and Wildlife, Fort Bragg	(707) 964-9078
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).

1-478 -A Site Strategy - Elk Creek

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CONCERNS and ADVICE to RESPONDERS:

The local marsh would be very difficult to clean once it becomes oiled. Excluding oil from reaching this area would minimize damages to the environment.

HAZARDS and RESTRICTIONS:

Private Property. Owner extremely private & protective, send law enforcement to make initial contact.

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 when appropriate.

Strategy 1-478.1 Objective: Prevent spilled oil from floating to this site.

On site response options are limited to collection of oil or oily debris removal only during high creek flows. Protect with off-site response efforts.

Strategy 1-478.2 Objective: Pre-clean debris before oil arrives.

This beach can collect large amounts of large woody debris, which could require heavy equipment to move, preferably before it becomes oiled. A SCAT team should evaluate this response option before oil arrives.

Strategy 1-478.3 Objective: Low freshwater flow strategy for responses when the estuary mouth is open.

Berm, dam or dike with underflow during low freshwater flow conditions and when the time is available to mobilize the equipment and personnel needed to construct a protective berm.

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
1-478.1	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	Protect with off-site response measures only.		
1-478.2	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0			
1-478.3	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	1	dozer or loader, stakes, shovels, haybales	8	2

LOGISTICS

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

Take U.S. hwy 1 to state route 128 just north of Cloverdale. Follow state route 128 to state hwy 1. Go south on state hwy 1 to M.P. 31.55. Permission for access through locked gate must be obtained from property owner. Owner extremely private & protective, send law enforcement to make initial contact. This site includes the tidal estuary at the mouth of Elk Creek. Offshore rocks in the area are managed by BLM as part of the California Coastal National Monument.

LAND ACCESS: Locked gate access. Contact owner with Sheriff assistance.

WATER LOGISTICS:

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

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

None available.

COMMUNICATIONS PROBLEMS: Remote, limited communications

ADDITIONAL OPERATIONAL COMMENTS:

