

2-246 -B Site Summary- Cliff House and Seal Rocks**2-246 -B**

County: **San Francisco**
 USGS Quad: **Point Bonita, CA**

Thomas Guide Location Latitude N Longitude W
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 NOAA Chart: **Gulf of Farallones 18645, SF Bay 18649**

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SITE DESCRIPTION:

This site is a group of large offshore rocks (<1/4 mile) and narrow wave-cut platforms along the shore just west of the Golden Gate Bridge. Site is within Golden Gate National Recreation Area. Site is associated with BLM Ca Coastal National Monument resources. This is an exposed and high energy location. These rocks are used by pinnipeds for pupping and haulout.

SEASONAL and SPECIAL RESOURCE CONCERN

This site is a "B" priority all year due to the presence of endangered brown pelicans and occasional use by pinnipeds.

RESOURCES OF PRIMARY CONCERN

This is exposed rocky habitat which fosters seabird nesting and pinnipeds as well as intertidal invertebrates.

Up to 100 Brandt's cormorants, western gulls, and pigeon guillemots nest on Seal Rocks. Ca brown pelicans frequent this site as use it for roosting and forage.

California sea lion and harbor seals haul out here.

CULTURAL, HISTORIC, and ARCHEOLOGICAL SENSITIVITIES

This is a culturally sensitive area. Contact the Golden Gate National Recreational Area main office, cultural resource specialist, the California Dept of Parks and Recreation - Office of Historic Preservation (Eric Allison - (916) 653-9125), and the Northwest Information Center, (Bryan Much, Sonoma State College ((707) 332-1117)) for specific information on historic or cultural resources in this area.

KEY CONTACTS: Trustee (T); Entry/Owner/Access (E); Cultural (C); or Other Assistance (O)

| Type | Name / Title | Organization | Phone |
|------|--------------------------|--------------------------------------------------|----------------|
| E/T | 24hr Sanctuary Personnel | Gulf of the Farallones National Marine Sanctuary | (650) 479-5311 |
| E/T | GGNRA Dispatch | US National Park Service, Golden Gate (NRA) | (415) 561-5505 |
| T | David Ledig | BLM Ca Coastal Monument | (831) 630-5006 |
| E/T | Bill Merkle | US National Park Service, Golden Gate (NRA) | (415) 289-1843 |
| E/T | Vika Sirova | US National Park Service, Golden Gate (NRA) | (415) 561-4731 |
| T | James Weigand | BLM Ca Coastal Monument | (916) 978-4656 |

ADDITIONAL SITE SUMMARY COMMENTS:

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CONCERNS and ADVICE to RESPONDERS:

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HAZARDS and RESTRICTIONS:

On Land: Slips, trips and falls; Beware of auto traffic. Vessels: beware of submerged rocks.

SITE STRATEGIES

Strategy 2-246.1 Objective: offshore containment and recovery activities to minimize or avert oil from impacting shoreline habitats and wildlife

This site is difficult to protect as is most of the outer coast. Mechanical shoreline protection techniques are not likely to be effective because of high wave energy and/or rocky conditions at this site.

- a) Recommended response strategy is on-water containment and recovery.
- b) Pursue feasibility of alternative response technologies (e.g. dispersants and in-situ burning) to reduce the volume of oil reaching the site.

Table of Response Resources

| strategy number | harbor boom | swamp boom | Other boom type | sorb boom | Anchoring no | Boat tvpe and gear | Boom boat | Skiffs punts | Skimmers No | Type | Special Equipment or comment No and kinds | staff deploy | Staff tend |
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| 2-246.1 | 0 | | | | | | | | | | On-water Recovery / ART | 0 | |

LOGISTICS

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

Use SF City streets to nearest land location (Contact Golden Gate National Seashores). Water traffic should approach this area from the Golden Gate. This site is a group of large offshore rocks (<1/4 mile) and narrow wave-cut platforms along the shore just west of the Golden Gate Bridge. Site is within Golden Gate National Recreation Area. Site is associated with BLM Ca Coastal National Monument resources.

LAND ACCESS: total access capability for nearby the site.

WATER LOGISTICS: adequate depths, but there are underwater obstructions

Limitations: depth, obstruction

Launching, Loading, Docking and Services Available: all boat launching and marina facilities are inside the bay: Sausalito and Lantern Cove at Marina Park

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

COMMUNICATIONS PROBLEMS:

ADDITIONAL OPERATIONAL COMMENTS:

