

**County:** Monterey **ACP Division/Segment:** MT - G - S006**NOAA Chart:** 18680, 18700**Map Book:** B**Decimal Degrees:** 36.30485 -121.90121**Site Description:**

Point Sur is a prominent volcanic rock formation that emerges from the edge of a flat grassy plain and extends into the ocean. Point Sur Lighthouse sits on top of the rock formation and is now managed as a California State Historic Park. Rocky shoreline and cliffs provide nesting habitat for seabirds and haulouts for pinnipeds. Site upcoast boundary (36.306595°, -121.899521°), downcoast boundary (36.304984°, -121.897303°); length 0.85 miles. Site is within the Point Sur State Marine Reserve, California Sea Otter Game Refuge, Bureau of Land Management California Coastal National Monument, and Monterey Bay National Marine Sanctuary. Nesting seabirds in the surrounding area include black oystercatcher, pelagic cormorant, pigeon guillemot, and Western gull.

**Resources at Risk:***ESI and Habitat:* 1A Exposed Rocky Shore

2A Exposed wave-cut platforms in bedrock, mud, or clay

**List of Resources at Risk:**

	Resource Name	Status	Presence	Sensitivity
Birds	California condor	FE, SE	Year-round	
Birds	peregrine falcon	FP, SP	Year-round	Mar-Jun
Birds	seabird colony		Year-round	Apr-Aug
Insects	Smith's blue butterfly	FE	Year-round	
Invertebrates	black abalone	FE	Year-round	Apr-Sep
Mammals	pinnipeds	FP	Year-round	
Mammals	Southern sea otter	FT, SP	Year-round	

FT-Federally Threatened, FE-Federally Endangered, FP-Federally Protected, SE-State Endangered, ST-State Threatened, SP -State Protected, SR-State Rare, SSC-Species of Special Concern, BGEPA-Bald and Golden Eagle Protection Act, SSSP-State Special Status Species

**List of Key Contacts:**

Type	Name/Title	Organization	Phone
C	/Coordinator	Native American Heritage Commission	(916) 373-3710
C	/Coordinator	Northwest Information Center	(707) 588-8455
T	/Natural Resources Specialist	BLM, CA Coastal National Monument	(831) 582-2200
T	/Dispatch, 24-hr	California State Parks (Dispatch)	(916) 358-1300
T	/Emergency Responder, 24-hr	Monterey Bay National Marine Sanctuary	(831) 236-6797
T	/Agency Representative	NOAA National Marine Fisheries Service	(707) 575-6050
T	/Spill Response Coordinator	US Fish and Wildlife Service	(805) 644-1766

C – Cultural, Historic, Archaeological; E – Entry/Owner/Access; O – Other; S – Safety; T – Trustee; X – Exclusion or Security

**Additional Site Summary Comments:**

**Concerns and Advice to Responders:**

Western snowy plovers nest on Point Sur Beach Mar-Sep. Sensitive habitat lines the road from Highway 1 to the base of Point Sur.

**Hazard and Restrictions:**

Gated entry to State Parks Property.

**Site Strategies:****Site Validation Level: II**

**Strategy: 3-522.1 Objective:** No Onsite Options: Consider Offshore Containment/Recovery/ART

*Strategy:* Onsite protection is not feasible due to coastline type.

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

**Last Page Update****Logistics:**

*Directions:* From Carmel-by-the-Sea, site is 18.6 miles south of Rio Rd. on Highway 1. Gated dirt road from Highway 1 southbound lane (36.309661°, -121.886174°), Postmile: Route 1 MON 54.1; 10 parking spaces.

*Land Access:* Parking at base of Point Sur. Access to the top of Point Sur through a second gate, limited parking.

*On-Water Limitations:* Nearest vessel launch site is Monterey Harbor (26 nautical miles). May be possible to launch a skiff from the pocket beach directly downcoast of Point Sur.

*Facilities, Staging Areas, Command Posts, Available Equipment:* Portable toilets at the base and top of Point Sur.

*Communications Problems:* AT&T, strong cell phone signal. All other providers, no cell phone signal.

