

3-180 -A/B Site Summary- Offshore Rock N of Terrace Pt**3-180 -A/B****County:** Santa Cruz**Thomas Guide Location****Latitude N****Longitude W****USGS Quad:** Santa Cruz

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36° 56.7'

122° 04'

NOAA Chart:**Last Page Update:** 6/30/2014**SITE DESCRIPTION:**

Offshore rocks located 0.3 mile south of Wilder Beach and 0.35 mile north of Terrace Point (N36 56.83, W122 04.36). Two rocky platforms with moderate- to high-energy ocean waves. Platforms provide ideal haul-out for pinnipeds and roosting birds. Access is by boat only. Site may be visible from shoreline cliffs. Site is within the following State Marine Protected Area(s): Natural Bridges State Marine Reserve. Site is associated with BLM California Coastal National Monument resources. Flat offshore rocks are ideal haulout for pinnipeds. Access very difficult due to heavy surf. Best option is to view from bluffs.

SEASONAL AND SPECIAL RESOURCE CONCERN

Species of concern discussed below are present year round

RESOURCES OF PRIMARY CONCERN

Primary resources at risk are species listed below and their respective habitat. Offshore rocks serve as rookery and pinniped haulout.

Offshore rocks serve as roosting sites for brown pelicans and cormorants. Various shorebirds and seabirds utilize platforms as roost. Black Swifts (CA Species of Special Concern) are also known to utilize area and nest along steep coastal cliffs.

This is a haulout for moderate numbers of California sea lions and Harbor seals. While not a significant gathering site, Southern Sea Otters (FT) are common throughout Santa Cruz and Monterey counties and may be present near-shore year round.

Numerous species of Rockfish and Surfperch are located offshore year round and spawn Jan-Jun.

Site is located within Black Abalone Critical Habitat. Actual presence of black abalone is unknown.

Kelp beds are common near-shore.

CULTURAL, HISTORIC, AND ARCHEOLOGICAL SENSITIVITIES

Contact the California Dept of Parks and Recreation - Office of Historic Preservation (Eric Allison: 916-445-7044), and the Northwest Information Center (Bryan Much, Sonoma State College: 707-588-8455) 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
T/E/C		Santa Cruz District	CA Department of Parks & Recreation	(831) 335-6390
O			Santa Cruz County Sherriff	(831) 471-1121
T/E/C		Northern Communications	CA Department of Parks & Recreation	(916) 358-0333
O	Chris Coburn	Resources Planner	Santa Cruz County - Environmental Health Services	(831) 454-2763
T	Scott Kathey	Emergency Response Coord.	Monterey Bay National Marine Sanctuary	(831) 647-4251
E/T	David Ledig		BLM California Coastal National Monument	(831) 630-5006
T	Becky Ota	Marine Conservation Mgr	CDFW Marine Protected Areas Program	(650) 631-6789
E/T	James Weigand	Ecologist	BLM	(916) 978-4656
T	Steve Wertz	Senior Env. Scientist	CDFW Marine Protected Areas Program	(562) 342-7184

ADDITIONAL SITE SUMMARY COMMENTS:

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CONCERNS AND ADVICE TO RESPONDERS:

This is a haulout for moderate numbers of California sea lions.

HAZARDS AND RESTRICTIONS:

Steep, rocky, wavecut platforms with potentially heavy surf.

SITE STRATEGIESStrategy 3-180.1 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. No on-site protection is feasible.

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 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.)**

Directions and access: Take Highway 1 north/Mission Street through west Santa Cruz. Just before exiting Santa Cruz, turn left on Swift Street. Take Swift to Delaware and turn right on Delaware. Continue on Delaware to Long Marine Lab property (road name changes to Shaffer Road). Terrace Point has many research institutions, including Long Marine Lab (at end of Shaffer Road). Offshore Rock visible from end of Terrace Point, but access by boat only (launching at Santa Cruz harbor). Offshore rocks located 0.3 mile south of Wilder Beach and 0.35 mile north of Terrace Point (N36 56.83, W122 04.36). Two rocky platforms with moderate- to high-energy ocean waves. Platforms provide ideal haul-out for pinnipeds and roosting birds. Access is by boat only. Site may be visible from shoreline cliffs. Site is within the following State Marine Protected Area(s): Natural Bridges State Marine Reserve. Site is associated with BLM California Coastal National Monument resources.

LAND ACCESS None**WATER LOGISTICS:** Water access only.

Limitations: depth, obstruction

Launching, Loading, Docking

and Services Available:

Nearest launch is from Santa Cruz Harbor

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

CDFG-OSPR vet labs offer conference room telephones, internet. Located off of Shaffer road. Or at UCSC Long Marine Lab.

COMMUNICATIONS PROBLEMS:**ADDITIONAL OPERATIONAL COMMENTS:**

