

**3-340 -A Site Summary- Salinas River Inlet****3-340 -A**

<b>County:</b>	Monterey	<b>Thomas Guide Location</b>	<b>Latitude N</b>	<b>Longitude W</b>
<b>USGS Quad:</b>	Moss Landing	1075	36° 45.1'	121° 48.5'
<b>NOAA Chart:</b>	<div><b>Last Page Update:</b> 6/30/2014</div>			

**SITE DESCRIPTION:**

The inlet is partly within the Salinas National Wildlife Refuge (south side of inlet) and the Salinas River State Beach (north side of inlet). Designated a State Natural Preserve. Salinas River mouth meanders up to a mile at times. Well developed salt-marsh along banks of Salinas river. Shorebirds utilize the estuary heavily and vary seasonally. Waterway also an anadromous fishery and habitat to CA red-legged frogs and other protected species listed below. Channel and natural sand berm will vary each season dependent on freshwater flows and sand accretions.

**SEASONAL AND SPECIAL RESOURCE CONCERN**

Year Round

**RESOURCES OF PRIMARY CONCERN**

All beach area is critical habitat for the western snowy plover (FT). Use caution when conducting any beach response and especially in the dunes. Nesting occurs Feb-Sept and site serves as rookery all year long. Several marine mammals are commonly found migrating in offshore waters.

Large numbers of birds, including waders, waterfowl, seabirds and shorebirds such as the brown pelican, and Western snowy plover (FT) can be found here.

Bank swallow (ST), Smith's Blue Butterfly (FE) and California Legless Lizard (CA Species of Special Concern), and Salinas Harvest Mouse all utilize area as rearing habitat. Ca red-legged frogs (FT) are also found in adjacent marsh habitat. Short-eared owl (CA Species of Special Concern) is known to occupy within site boundaries. 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.

Steelhead trout (FT/SE) are known to use this anadromous stream.

Brackish Water Snail (Tryonia imitator) are found within estuary.

Monterey spineflower (FT), Monterey Indian paintbrush. Menzies wallflower (SE/FE) and Greater Yellowthroat gilia are known to occur on site.

**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		Monterey District	CA Department of Parks & Recreation	(831) 649-2836
E/O		General Manager	Monterey Dunes Colony	(831) 633-4000
T/E			US Fish & Wildlife Service	(805) 644-1766
E/T		Northern Communications	CA Department of Parks & Recreation	(916) 358-0333
T	Scott Kathey	Emergency Response Coord.	Monterey Bay National Marine Sanctuary	(831) 647-4251

**ADDITIONAL SITE SUMMARY COMMENTS:**

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**NOAA Chart:****Last Page Update:** 6/30/2014**CONCERNS AND ADVICE TO RESPONDERS:**

Seasonal (nesting) of Western snowy plovers (FT) will affect vehicle and beach access; access must be approved of State Park staff. Large numbers of birds, including waders, waterfowl, seabirds and shorebirds such as the brown pelican, and Western snowy plover (FT) can be found. Steelhead trout are in this anadromous stream. Also, Smith's blue butterfly (FE), black legless lizard (CA Species of Special Concern), dune gilia. Plants: Monterey spine flower, Monterey Indian paintbrush.

**HAZARDS AND RESTRICTIONS:****SITE STRATEGIES****Strategy 3-340.1 Objective: Exclude oil by berming and booming**

The river may or may not be flowing. If needed, use native sediments to reinforce the natural berm, or create a berm across an open river mouth to prevent oil flow up the river. Chevron booming at the river mouth may also be appropriate depending on river status (breached or unbreached). The beach is broad enough for large 4WD vehicle access from either the Salinas River State Beach (Site 3-325 for directions) or Marina State Beach (Site 3-345 for directions).

**Strategy 3-340.2 Objective: Occlude oil from entering salt marsh habitat**

Prevent on-water product from reaching marsh habitat by orienting swampboom to allow a collection point near road access. Two layers may be necessary to prevent entrainment due to on-shore winds.

**Table of Response Resources**

strategy number	harbor boom	swamp boom	Other boom type	sorb boom	Anchoring no	tvpe and dear	Boom boat	Skiffs punts	Skimmers No	Type	Special Equipment or comment and kinds	staff deploy	Staff tend
3-340.1					8		1		0		6" PVC pipe, dozer or equivalent berming equip, VSW boomboat (if needed)	10	
3-340.2	0	2000	0	0	8	4 Stakes & 4 Danforth, as needed	1	0	0	0			4

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

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Access from north: Hwy 1 to Monterey Dunes Way. At intersection, bear left to continue south on Monterey Dunes Way to the end. Farm road is slippery during wet season or when irrigation occurs. Call California Department of Park and Recreation Dispatch for access through gates, guidance, and sensitive areas, especially for the southern-most access. The inlet is partly within the Salinas National Wildlife Refuge (south side of inlet) and the Salinas River State Beach (north side of inlet). Designated a State Natural Preserve. Salinas River mouth meanders up to a mile at times.

**LAND ACCESS** Access thru USFWS Salinas Refuge and thru State Parks gates.

**WATER LOGISTICS:**

Limitations: depth, obstruction Moss Landing harbor.  
 Launching, Loading, Docking  
 and Services Available:

**FACILITIES, STAGING AREAS, POSSIBLE FIELD POSTS AND EQUIPMENT AVAILABLE:****COMMUNICATIONS PROBLEMS:****ADDITIONAL OPERATIONAL COMMENTS:**

