

**3-380 -A Site Summary- Point Cabrillo****3-380 -A****County:** Monterey**Thomas Guide Location****Latitude N****Longitude W****USGS Quad:** Monterey

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

Point Cabrillo consists of the entire rocky peninsula shoreline and the adjacent pocket beaches. The entire shoreline is approx 1200 yds total. Pocket beaches consist of sand and boulders. Area ownership under Stanford's Hopkins Marine laboratory. Site is within the following State Marine Protected Area(s): Lovers Point State Marine Reserve. Site is associated with BLM California Coastal National Monument resources. Point Cabrillo, a wave-cut platform. Shoreline access thru Stanford's Hopkins Marine laboratory. Contact facility personnel for access to waterfront. Area has three water intake systems: Hopkins Marine Lab, Monterey Aquarium and MBARI. Pocket beaches on either side of Point Cabrillo are approx 160 yds in length.

**SEASONAL AND SPECIAL RESOURCE CONCERN**

Harbor seals (25-50) haul-out on the western pocket beach year round and pupping season extends Mar-May.

**RESOURCES OF PRIMARY CONCERN**

Pinniped haul-out site. Avoid flushing birds and pinnipeds into on-water contaminants. Sea otters (FT) are common nearshore.

Brown pelicans, Black Oystercatchers, Cormorants and other species of sea birds use area to forage and roost.

Significant harbor seal haul-out on sandy pocket beach west of Hopkins Marine Laboratory. Significant harbor seal pupping area. Pupping season extends Feb-May. Southern sea otters (FT) common in nearshore waters year-round.

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

Kelp beds are common near-shore.

Monterey spineflower (FT) exists within site boundaries.

**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
O			Hopkins Marine Laboratory	(831) 655-6249
E			City of Pacific Grove	(831) 648-3100
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:**

Upcoast from Hopkins is Monterey Bay Aquarium, with saltwater intake which also serves Hopkins Marine Lab, Cannery Row restaurants and hotels (Monterey Business Association, 831-655-8070, Monterey Peninsula Chamber of Commerce Visitors and Convention Bureaus 831-649-1770), Macabee Beach (City of Monterey Police Dept. 831-646-3911).

Hopkins Marine Laboratory at Cabrillo Point (831-655-6249). Research facility with saltwater intake and discharge lines via Monterey Bay Aquarium.

Downcoast from Hopkins is Lover's Point Park and Beach (recreational, surfing, SCUBA area, City of Pacific Grove Police Dept. (831-648-3149), and Perkins Park/Shoreline Park.

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**CONCERNS AND ADVICE TO RESPONDERS:**

A large population of harbor seals haul out on this wave-cut platform. There are also seabirds and sea otters (FT) present.

**HAZARDS AND RESTRICTIONS:****SITE STRATEGIES**

Strategy 3-380.1 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	Boom boat	Skiffs punts	Skimmers No	Special Equipment or comment No	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.)**

From Highway 1 south (toward Monterey) take exit 402B (Pacific Grove/Del Monte Avenue). Stay on Del Monte Avenue, veering right at intersection of Del Monte Avenue and Abrego to go through the tunnel to Lighthouse Avenue. Stay on Lighthouse to David Avenue, turn right on David. Turn left on Ocean View Blvd. Turn right into Hopkins Marine Laboratory on Ocean View Blvd. to access Point Cabrillo. Point Cabrillo consists of the entire rocky peninsula shoreline and the adjacent pocket beaches. The entire shoreline is approx 1200 yds total. Pocket beaches consist of sand and boulders. Area ownership under Stanford's Hopkins Marine laboratory. Site is within the following State Marine Protected Area(s): Lovers Point State Marine Reserve. Site is associated with BLM California Coastal National Monument resources.

**LAND ACCESS** foot access only to shoreline, access thru Hopkin's Marine Lab entry

**WATER LOGISTICS:**

Limitations: depth, obstruction

Launching, Loading, Docking

and Services Available:

Two within Monterey Harbor

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

Staging areas in nearby parking lots if they're closed to public access.

**COMMUNICATIONS PROBLEMS:****ADDITIONAL OPERATIONAL COMMENTS:**

