

3-395 -C Site Summary- Sand Hills at Point Pinos**3-395 -C****County:** Monterey**Thomas Guide Location****Latitude N****Longitude W****USGS Quad:** Monterey

1113

36° 38.5'

121° 56.2'

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

Sand Hills represents the vegetated dune area located between Ocean View Blvd and Asilomar Ave in Pacific Grove. Several listed terrestrial species occur onsite. Across Ocean View Blvd lies Point Pinos, an area of rich biodiversity. Site parameters include the rocky shoreline beginning at the northern end of Asilomar Ave extending down the coastline to the western end of Lighthouse Ave, representing approx 1.5 miles of convoluted shoreline. Site is within the following State Marine Protected Area(s): Pacific Grove Marine Gardens State Marine Conservation Area and Pacific Grove Marine Gardens Fish Refuge. Site is associated with BLM California Coastal National Monument resources. Sand Hills consists of wind blown sand dunes intermingled with rare terrestrial species. The coastline consists of rocky shoreline with potentially heavy surf. Pinniped haul-outs are likely in the absence of tourists pulling over to photograph exposed intertidal habitats. Rock outcroppings occur along intertidal coastline and provide secondary haul-out points.

SEASONAL AND SPECIAL RESOURCE CONCERN

Year round. Harbor Seal pupping season Mar-May. Area receives moderate to heavy public recreation and therefore species are hazed to more remote locations such as offshore rocks.

RESOURCES OF PRIMARY CONCERN

Sheltered areas of coastline provide pinniped haul-outs. Sand Hill Dunes contain several protected plant species and extreme caution should be exercised when entering area especially with any heavy equipment. Sea otters (FT) are common in nearshore waters. Several marine mammals are commonly found migrating in offshore waters.

Brown Pelicans utilize area to roost and forage. Western snowy plover (FT) uses beach for roost and forage and nesting (Mar-Sep),

High potential for pinniped haul-outs. Harbor seal pupping seasons extends Mar-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.

Plant species Beach Layia(SE/FE) and Menzies' wallflower (SE/FE) are dune plants. The clover lupine (FE) grows near the ocean and on stabilized dunes. Tidestrom's lupine (SE/FE) and the Monterey spineflower (FT) also 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
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:

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CONCERNS AND ADVICE TO RESPONDERS:

There are several endangered plants at this site which could be trampled during response. Keep on paths and designated walkways. Do not disturb plants or dunes.

HAZARDS AND RESTRICTIONS:**SITE STRATEGIES**

Strategy 3-395.1 Objective: Minimize activity which could damage vegetation

Qualified biologist should be assigned to supervise any response activity at this site to insure that rare vegetation is not disturbed. Use caution tape and stakes as necessary to define protection areas and/or authorized walkways.

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 No and	Equipment or comment 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.)

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. Ocean View Blvd. closely follows the coastline around to Pt. Pinos and slightly beyond. The sand hills are in the general Pt. Pinos area (between intersections of Ocean View Blvd. and Surf Avenue, and Ocean View Blvd. and Jewell Avenue).

Alternative directions: From Highway 1, take Highway 68 west toward Pacific Grove. Turn left on Sunset Drive, and take it to Pt. Pinos (Sunset Drive changes name to Ocean View Blvd. at Pt. Pinos). Sand hills are between Jewell Avenue and Surf Avenue. Sand Hills represents the vegetated dune area located between Ocean View Blvd and Asilomar Ave in Pacific Grove. Several listed terrestrial species occur onsite. Across Ocean View Blvd lies Point Pinos, an area of rich biodiversity. Site parameters include the rocky shoreline beginning at the northern end of Asilomar Ave extending down the coastline to the western end of Lighthouse Ave, representing approx 1.5 miles of convoluted shoreline. Site is within the following State Marine Protected Area(s): Pacific Grove Marine Gardens State Marine Conservation Area and Pacific Grove Marine Gardens Fish Refuge. Site is associated with BLM California Coastal National Monument resources.

LAND ACCESS**WATER LOGISTICS:**

Limitations: depth, obstruction Monterey Harbor
 Launching, Loading, Docking
 and Services Available:

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

