

3-420 -A Site Summary- Spanish Bay and Moss Beach**3-420 -A****County:** Monterey**Thomas Guide Location****Latitude N****Longitude W****USGS Quad:** Monterey

1113,1133

36° 37'

121° 57'

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

Spanish Bay begins where golf-greens meet the beach off Sunset Dr. and extends south approx one-mile to the residence at the end off Moss Beach. Beach width ranges from 20-90yds. Site is within the following State Marine Protected Area(s): Asilomar State Marine Reserve. Site is associated with BLM California Coastal National Monument resources. Exposed sandy beaches with rocky outcroppings. Backdunes are vegetated and are exposed to seventeen-mile drive roadway. Beach receives heavy recreational pressure due to easy access. Spanish Bay and Moss Beach. Fine to medium grain sandy beaches.

SEASONAL AND SPECIAL RESOURCE CONCERN

Year round

RESOURCES OF PRIMARY CONCERN

Beach and dunes provide habitat for many terrestrial plant species. Recruit local botanist to flag-off sensitive species to avoid trampling during response.

Black Oysercatchers, cormorants and seabirds use area to roost and forage.

Harbor seals haulout and may use site for pupping, Feb-May. 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. Black legless lizard (CA Species of Special Concern).

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

Kelp beds are common near-shore.

Jones layia; Clover lupine (FE); Monterey gilia (FE)

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			Pebble Beach Company	(831) 625-8428
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:

The black legless lizard (CA Species of Special Concern) uses the dune habitat. Jones layia can be found in the dunes/chaparral communities. Clover lupine (FE) can be found near the ocean as well as in the dunes. The Monterey gilia (FE) is another dune plant species.

HAZARDS AND RESTRICTIONS:

Private ownership – Pebble Beach Company (831) 625-8444

SITE STRATEGIES

Strategy 3-420.1 Objective: Offshore Containment and Recovery Activities to Minimize or Avert Oil From Impacting Shoreline Habitats and Wildlife. Prevent injury to sand dunes from cleanup activities.

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
3-420.1	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0		

LOGISTICS

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

Traveling south on Hwy.1, continue south past Monterey toward Carmel. Exit Hwy.1 on to Hwy 68 West, Pacific Grove/Pebble Beach. Follow signs to Pacific Grove and Asilomar. At the junction of Highway 68, Sunset Drive, and Forest Avenue, turn left onto Sunset. At intersection of Sunset and 17-Mile Drive, turn left to enter 17-Mile Drive gate of Pebble Beach. 17-Mile Drive hugs the coast and taking it will take you to most of the sensitive sites. Spanish Bay runs between Asilomar and Point Joe, with Moss Beach also between those two points. Spanish Bay begins where golf-greens meet the beach off Sunset Dr. and extends south approx one-mile to the residence at the end off Moss Beach. Beach width ranges from 20-90yds. Site is within the following State Marine Protected Area(s): Asilomar State Marine Reserve. Site is associated with BLM California Coastal National Monument resources.

LAND ACCESS

Large truck on streets; 4WD on beach

WATER LOGISTICS:

Limitations: depth, obstruction

Launching, Loading, Docking
and Services Available:

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

