

3-437 -A Site Summary- Seal Rock**3-437 -A****County:** Monterey**Thomas Guide Location****Latitude N****Longitude W****USGS Quad:** Monterey

1133

36° 35.5'

121° 58.2'

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

Offshore rocky outcroppings supporting roosting sites for pinnipeds and shorebirds. Access by water only. Bird Rock lies north of Seal Rock. Site is associated with the following BLM California Coastal National Monument site: Seal Rock. Bird Rock and Seal Rock are in between Point Joe (north) and Cypress Point (south). Private Ownership - Pebble Beach Company.

SEASONAL AND SPECIAL RESOURCE CONCERN

Year round

RESOURCES OF PRIMARY CONCERN

Seasonally present pinnipeds (potentially very high numbers) and shorebirds. Harbor seal pups are likely present (Feb-May). Significant colony of Brandt's Cormorants nests on Bird Rock, April-September.

Brown pelicans, Brandt's and Pelagic cormorants, Black Oystercatchers, Pigeon Guillemots, Western Gulls and other various shorebirds utilize rock island to roost and forage.

California sea lions, harbor seals and Steller sea lions use site as a haul-out. 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.

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
E			Pebble Beach Company	(831) 625-8428
	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
E/T	James Weigand	Ecologist	BLM	(916) 978-4656

ADDITIONAL SITE SUMMARY COMMENTS:

Adjoining land is privately owned by Pebble Beach Company.

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CONCERNS AND ADVICE TO RESPONDERS:

Offshore rocks accessible via boat. Potentially heavy surf during winter months.

HAZARDS AND RESTRICTIONS:

Keep aircraft out of area Mar-July.

SITE STRATEGIESStrategy 3-437.1 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	tvae and dear	Boom boat	Skiffs punts	Skimmers No	Type	Special Equipment or comment	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.)**

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. Follow 17-mile Drive around the coast to the Bird Rock and Seal Rock site (Bird Rock Road is a short loop off 17-Mile Drive). Closest cross streets to Seal Rock are Silver Trail or Spyglass Hill Road. Contact Pebble Beach Company, if directions are needed to get to other entrance gates for 17-mile Drive. Offshore rocky outcroppings supporting roosting sites for pinnipeds and shorebirds. Access by water only. Bird Rock lies north of Seal Rock. Site is associated with the following BLM California Coastal National Monument site: Seal Rock.

LAND ACCESS**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:**

