

3-448 -C Site Summary- Offshore Pescadero Rocks**3-448 -C****County:** Monterey**Thomas Guide Location****Latitude N****Longitude W****USGS Quad:** Monterey

1133, 1153

36° 33.7'

122° 56.8'

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

Pescadero Rocks a wave-cut platform, and Arrowhead Point, are located within the shelter of Stillwater Cove adjacent to Pebble Beach Golf Course (landowner). Water depths range between 15-30 ft around Pescadero rocks. Site is within the following State Marine Protected Area(s): Carmel Bay State Marine Conservation Area. Site is associated with the following BLM California Coastal National Monument site: Pescadero Rocks. Offshore, the substrate is mostly sand, with a rocky patch reef. As the water becomes shallower the bottom becomes more rocky and the massive pinnacles give way to boulder fields. The kelp bed also thickens up as you move nearshore. This area has a plethora of marine life and has limited recreational use to diving.

SEASONAL AND SPECIAL RESOURCE CONCERN

Year round

RESOURCES OF PRIMARY CONCERN

Harbor seals have several haul outs within Stillwater Cove and may use area to rear pups Mar-May.

Brown pelicans in potentially high numbers. Black Oystercatchers, Pigeon guillemots and Western gulls use area to forage and roost. Nesting season occurs Mar-Aug.

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. Harbor seals may use area as haul-out and pupping season (Mar-May)

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

Kelp beds are common near-shore. Significant growth of giant kelp in deeper water, with feather boa kelp becoming more common in the shallower waters.

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:

Private ownership

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CONCERNS AND ADVICE TO RESPONDERS:

Large numbers of harbor seal haulouts within Stillwater Cove and Pescadero Rocks.

HAZARDS AND RESTRICTIONS:

TRUSTEE AGENCY/MANAGER/LOCAL EXPERTS:

Private Ownership - Pebble Beach Company (831) 625-8444

SITE STRATEGIES

Water depths near offshore rocks ranges 15-30 ft.

Strategy 3-448.1 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 type and gear	Boom boat	Skiffs punts	Skimmers No Type	Special Equipment or comment No and kinds	staff deploy	Staff tend
3-448.1	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.)**

Take Highway 1 south past Monterey and toward Carmel, and take the Highway 68 west exit. One (of several) 17-Mile Drive entrance gates is just across the exit. Proceed down 17-Mile Drive approximately 3 ½ miles to The Lodge at Pebble Beach. Pescadero Point and Arrowhead Point are both within Carmel Bay and bracket The Pebble Beach Golf Course. Pescadero Point is at the upcoast end, Arrowhead at the downcoast end. Pescadero Rocks a wave-cut platform, and Arrowhead Point, are located within the shelter of Stillwater Cove adjacent to Pebble Beach Golf Course (landowner). Water depths range between 15-30 ft around Pescadero rocks. Site is within the following State Marine Protected Area(s): Carmel Bay State Marine Conservation Area. Site is associated with the following BLM California Coastal National Monument site: Pescadero Rocks.

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:**

