

**3-500 -A Site Summary- Garrapata Creek Inlet****3-500 -A**

County: Monterey

Thomas Guide Location

Latitude N

Longitude W

USGS Quad: Soberanes

B

36° 25.3'

121° 55.5'

NOAA Chart:

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**SITE DESCRIPTION:**

Coastal bluff west of Hwy. 1 between Otter Cove and Garrapata Creek. Includes Granite Creek, Soberanes Creek and Garrapata Creek. Site features four miles of mostly rocky coastline, except at the extreme south end where Garrapata Beach is located. Site is within the California Sea Otter Game Refuge. Site is associated with BLM California Coastal National Monument resources. Tide pools and mussel beds along the shoreline and the typical coastal bluff plant community. A small marsh is located behind a narrow cliff-sided creek mouth.

**SEASONAL AND SPECIAL RESOURCE CONCERN**

Year round

**RESOURCES OF PRIMARY CONCERN**

The creek and lagoon support a wide variety of flora and fauna. Protected species of concern are listed below. Historical and archeological sites are also within site parameters.

Shorebirds and seabirds, including the brown pelican, black oystercatchers, pelagic cormorants, pigeon guillemots, western gulls and shorebirds

Smith's Blue Butterfly (FE) utilize as habitat. 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.

Steelhead trout (FT) use the creek for holding/spawning and the lagoon for rearing.

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

Kelp beds are common near-shore.

Little Sur manzanita (*Arctostaphylos edmundsii*) is located onsite.

**CULTURAL, HISTORIC, AND ARCHEOLOGICAL SENSITIVITIES**

Most of the bluffs at Garrapata contain archeological sites. An extremely large site is located on the East side of Highway 1 at Soberanes Canyon. 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          |
|-------|---------------|---------------------------|--|----------------|
| T/E/C |               | Monterey District         | CA Department of Parks & Recreation      | (831) 649-2836 |
| T/E/C |               | Northern Communications   | CA Department of Parks & Recreation      | (916) 358-0333 |
| E     |               | Facility Manager          | CDFW - Granite Canyon Research Facility  | (831) 624-0947 |
| 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 |
| E/T   | James Weigand | Ecologist                 | BLM                                      | (916) 978-4656 |

**ADDITIONAL SITE SUMMARY COMMENTS:**

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**CONCERNS AND ADVICE TO RESPONDERS:****HAZARDS AND RESTRICTIONS:****SITE STRATEGIES**

Strategy 3-500.1 Objective: Exclude oil with berming from reaching upstream, place sorbent boom 30' landward of berm to ensure oil exclusion

Use PVC pipes in underflow dam to allow discharge.

**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 and kinds | staff deploy | Staff tend |
|-----------------|-------------|------------|-----------------|-----------|------------------------------------|-----------|--------------|------------------|--|--------------|------------|
| 3-500.1         | 0           | 0          | 0               | 100       | 0 anchors or stakes to secure boom | 0         | 0            | 0                | 0 300' of 6" PVC piping                | 2            | 2          |

**LOGISTICS**

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

Directions and access: From Rio Rd. in Carmel on Hwy. 1 to Soberanes Pt. is 7 miles; to Garrapata Beach is 9.6 miles.

Main Access Points: Trail access points begin from numbered gates on turn-outs along the highway. Look for small white on brown numbered placards. The gate numbers are: Garrapata Beach, use gate 32; Scenic Overlook with bench, use gate 27; Soberanes Point trails, use gates 13, 15, 16. Note: There is no emergency vehicle access. Trails to shoreline are steep and provide difficult access. Access to the Inlet is difficult to impossible without special arrangement to lower personnel and equipment from the bridge. Access from the ocean is across a small beach where surf conditions make it difficult to cross Coastal bluff west of Hwy. 1 between Otter Cove and Garrapata Creek. Includes Granite Creek, Soberanes Creek and Garrapata Creek. Site features four miles of mostly rocky coastline, except at the extreme south end where Garrapata Beach is located. Site is within the California Sea Otter Game Refuge. Site is associated with BLM California Coastal National Monument resources.

**LAND ACCESS**

Foot access only, park on Hwy 1 shoulder south of bridge

**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:**

