

3-560 -B Site Summary- Dolan Rock**3-560 -B**

County: Monterey

Thomas Guide Location

Latitude N

Longitude W

USGS Quad: Lopez Point

B

36° 05.0'

121° 37.3'

NOAA Chart:

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SITE DESCRIPTION:

Exposed rocky area with moderate to high energy ocean waves located along the Big Sur coastline. Large offshore rock platform at base of cliffs provide potential haul-out areas for pinnipeds. Site used by shore and sea birds to roost and forage. Site is within the California Sea Otter Game Refuge and the following State Marine Protected Area(s): Big Creek State Marine Reserve. Site is associated with the following BLM California Coastal National Monument site: Dolan Rock. Steep, rocky cliffs with sparse vegetation. Site is very difficult to reach and is best to observe from shoulder turn-outs along highway one.

SEASONAL AND SPECIAL RESOURCE CONCERN

Pinnipeds may haul-out year round and harbor seals may pup here Feb-May.

RESOURCES OF PRIMARY CONCERN

Pinnepied haul-out.

Shore and seabirds use area to forage and roost year round.

Pacific harbor seals use haul-out to the south during the months of May-June, 400 animals have been observed here. Pupping season occurs 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.

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
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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
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ADDITIONAL SITE SUMMARY COMMENTS:

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CONCERNS AND ADVICE TO RESPONDERS:

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HAZARDS AND RESTRICTIONS:**SITE STRATEGIES**Strategy 3-560.1 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 tvoe and dear	Boom boat	Skiffs punts	Skimmers No Type	Special Equipment or comment No and 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.)**

Cabrillo Hwy (1) south of Big Sur approximately 16.6 miles. Approximately 5.8 miles SE of Lucia. Park along Hwy 1 shoulder at turn out. Coordinates: N36° 5.165' W121° 37.024' Exposed rocky area with moderate to high energy ocean waves located along the Big Sur coastline. Large offshore rock platform at base of cliffs provide potential haul-out areas for pinnipeds. Site used by shore and sea birds to roost and forage. Site is within the California Sea Otter Game Refuge and the following State Marine Protected Area(s): Big Creek State Marine Reserve. Site is associated with the following BLM California Coastal National Monument site: Dolan 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:**

