

4-100-B Site Summary - Cambria Air Force Base Rocky Intertidal**4-100-B***County:* San Luis Obispo **ACP Division/Segment:** SL - C - S02*NOAA Chart:* 18700*Map Book:**Decimal Degrees:* 35.51887 -121.06922**Site Description:**

Rocky intertidal just below the old Cambria Air Force Station. This is private property with no shore access. The area offshore is within White Rock State Marine Conservation Area MPA, which is offshore Cambria AFB to the north 4 miles, and is governed by special fisheries protections established by the DFW Marine Region. Species of concern are present year-round. Wave cut platform is a haul out for harbor seals. Southern sea otters are common offshore. Designated critical habitat for leatherback sea turtles. Black abalone may be present in rocky intertidal habitat (designated critical habitat).

Resources at Risk:

ESI and Habitat: 2A Exposed wave-cut platforms in bedrock, mud, or clay
6A Gravel Beach

List of Resources at Risk:

	Resource Name	Status	Presence	Sensitivity
Invertebrates	black abalone	FE	Year-round	
Mammals	harbor seal	FP	Year-round	
Mammals	Southern sea otter	FT, SP	Year-round	
Reptiles	leatherback sea turtle	FE	Aug - Nov	

FT-Federally Threatened, FE-Federally Endangered, FP-Federally Protected, SE-State Endangered, ST-State Threatened, SP -State Protected, SR-State Rare, SSC-Species of Special Concern, BGEPA-Bald and Golden Eagle Protection Act, SSSP-State Special Status Species

List of Key Contacts:

Type	Name/Title	Organization	Phone
C	/	Central Coast Information Center	(805) 682-4711
C	/Coordinator	Native American Heritage Commission	(916) 373-3710
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T	Justin Viezbicke/Marine Mammal Stranding	NOAA National Marine Fisheries Service	(562) 506-4315
T	Melissa Neuman/Marine Biologist	NOAA National Marine Fisheries Service	(562) 481-4594
T	Tina Fahy/Sea Turtle Recovery Coordinator	NOAA National Marine Fisheries Service	(562) 980-4023
T	/Spill Response Coordinator	US Fish and Wildlife Service, Federal T&E Species	(805) 644-1766

C – Cultural, Historic, Archaeological; E – Entry/Owner/Access; O – Other; S – Safety; T – Trustee; X – Exclusion or Security

Additional Site Summary Comments:

Marine mammal pupping seasons: Harbor seals March - June; southern sea otters year-round. Leatherback sea turtles are most commonly observed August - November.

Concerns and Advice to Responders:

Harbor seal pup March - June; southern sea otters (threatened) pup year-round. Throughout Division C, black abalone (endangered) may be present in rocky intertidal habitat (proposed critical habitat). Area offshore is within White Rock State Marine Conservation Area MPA, which is offshore Cambria AFB to the north 4 miles, a fisheries protection zone. To protect seabirds, limit spill response activities within 1,000 feet of nesting seabirds when possible. Try to remain at least 100 yards away from marine mammals and sea turtles and if approached closely by a marine mammal or turtle while motoring, reduce speed and shift to neutral; do not engage props until the animals are observed at the surface, clear of the vessel.

Hazard and Restrictions:

No shoreline access.

Site Strategies:**Site Validation Level: II**

Strategy: 4-100.1 *Objective:* No Onsite Options: Consider Offshore Containment/Recovery/ART
Strategy: Offshore containment and recovery (OCR) are the preferred option although heavy surf may hinder these operations. No specific response equipment listed due to the many variables associated with each spill regarding OCR. Early consideration should be given to the use of applied response technologies.
Table of Response Resources

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Directions: From the south: Take Hwy 101 N to Hwy 1 N, Morro Bay exit in San Luis Obispo. Continue on HWY 1 to approximately 1 mile north of HWY 46 intersection; turn west on private road; follow road 2.3 miles to old AFB facility. Site is south of Cambria approx. 5 miles. Located below cliffs from the old Cambria Air Force Base. Private roads - no access to shoreline but can access bluffs above. From the north: Take Hwy 101 or 5 S to Hwy 46 West to Hwy 1 North; continue as above.

Land Access: No shoreline access.

On-Water Limitations: Limitations: Depth, obstruction. Launching, Loading, Docking and Services Available: Morro Bay boat launch approx. 20 miles south.

Facilities, Staging Areas, Command Posts, Available Equipment: Command Post: Hotels in Cambria; State Park's offices at Hearst Castle. Airports: SLO County Airport is approx. 45 min south. Paso Robles Airport is approx. 45 min inland.

Communications Problems: None.

Additional Operational Comments:



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**No shoreline strategies;
consider offshore strategies**