

4-824-A Site Summary - Santa Rosa Island: North Area**4-824-A***County:* Santa Barbara **ACP Division/Segment:** CI - B - S000*NOAA Chart:* 18720*Map Book:* NA*Decimal Degrees:* 34.0214 -120.096**Site Description:**

This site is at the northern part of Santa Rosa Island from the east end of Sandy Point Beach to Carrington Point. The habitat is primarily exposed wave-cut rock platforms, vertical rock cliffs and a few pocket sand beaches. Nesting seabirds include black oystercatcher (Mar-Sep), Brandt's cormorant (Feb-Aug), pelagic cormorant (Mar-Sep), pigeon guillemot (Mar-Aug), western gull (Mar-Sep) and peregrine falcon. Pupping and breeding marine mammals include harbor seals (Dec-May), California sea lions (May-Aug) and northern elephant seals (Dec-July). A high abundance of surf grass beds and giant kelp forest are offshore. The areas offshore of this site are included in the Carrington Point Marine Reserve. California sea lions and breeding pelagic cormorants can be found at Carrington Point.

Resources at Risk:*ESI and Habitat:* 4 Coarse-grained sand beaches

2A Exposed wave-cut platforms in bedrock, mud, or clay

1A Exposed Rocky Shore

List of Resources at Risk:

	Resource Name	Status	Presence	Sensitivity
Birds	seabirds		Year-round	
Invertebrates	black abalone	FE	Year-round	
Invertebrates	rocky intertidal invertebrates		Year-round	
Mammals	Santa Rosa Island fox	FE, ST	Year-round	
Mammals	marine mammals	FP	Year-round	

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
T	Steve Wertz/Senior Env. Scientist Supervisor	California Department of Fish and Wildlife, MPAs	(562) 343-3808
T	/Emergency Response Hotline	Channel Islands National Marine Sanctuary	(805) 729-0611
T	Sean Hastings/24/7	Channel Islands National Marine Sanctuary	(805) 705-1790
T	/Chief Ranger	Channel Islands National Park	(805) 218-0251
T	/Dispatch	Channel Islands National Park	(559) 565-4221
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:

Concerns and Advice to Responders:

Santa Rosa Island is located 40 miles west of Ventura and is home to large numbers of seals and sea lions as well as colonies of seabirds. This site has seasonal marine mammal pupping and breeding from December through August and nesting seabirds from March through November. Trustee agencies may not sanction onshore response activities. Refer to and comply with introductory section before initiating any response activities.

Hazard and Restrictions:

Conditions in the Santa Barbara Channel and around the islands are variable and the ocean is unforgiving. Only experienced skippers with vessels capable of withstanding severe weather are advised to make the cross-channel passage. Major shipping lanes lie between the islands and the mainland.

Site Strategies:

Site Validation Level: II

Strategy: 4-824.1 Objective: Shoreline Pre-Clean: Resource Specialist Supervision Required

Strategy: Refer to Channel Islands Introduction Section (especially Biosecurity) before conducting any shoreline pre-cleaning. A natural resource trustee and/or an archaeologist (usually a CINP employee) may need to be on-site during work to ensure compliance with Channel Island response restrictions. Small hand crews of no more than 10 persons remove and store kelp, driftwood, vegetative debris, trash, and other materials which could become oiled and create environmental hazards and disposal problems. Segregate and dispose of trash. Replace unoiled debris in its former location once the threat of oiling is past.

Table of Response Resources

Equipment	Sub-Type	Size	Unit	QTY	Unit	Last Page Update
Staff				5		

Logistics:

Directions: Only by boat or aircraft. Closest harbors are Santa Barbara and Ventura. Channel Islands Aviation is located at Camarillo Airport and is able to fly and land on the islands. All access to the Channel Islands must be coordinated with National Parks and must follow biosecurity protocols. Refer to the introductory section for more information.

Land Access:

On-Water Limitations: Access to the island by water is available at the pier in Becher's Bay.

Facilities, Staging Areas, Command Posts, Available Equipment:

Communications Problems: Cell phone reception is unreliable. Marine VHF or satellite phones are the best options.

Additional Operational Comments: Each island is equipped with at least 1 base station radio for communication with park headquarters and a marine band radio.



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**No shoreline strategies;
consider offshore strategies**