

County: **San Luis Obispo**
 USGS Quad: **San Simeon**

Thomas Guide Location
 324 G-6

Latitude N
 35.6320

Longitude W
 121.1666

NOAA Chart: **Pt. Sur to Pt. Conception 18700**

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SITE DESCRIPTION:

See Division B map. Rocks offshore Little Pico Creek. Site is a Coastal National Monument under Bureau of Land Management. Also within Monterey Bay National Marine Sanctuary and Sea Otter Game refuge.

SEASONAL and SPECIAL RESOURCE CONCERN

Harbor seals are present here year round. Marine mammal pupping season: Harbor seals March-June; sea otters Jan-March.

Throughout Division B, black abalone (endangered) may be present in rocky intertidal habitat (designated critical habitat). Designated critical habitat for leatherback sea turtles (endangered), most commonly observed Aug. – Nov.

RESOURCES OF PRIMARY CONCERN

Offshore rock used as a bird roosting site.

Brown pelicans (summer-fall roosting June-Nov, peak numbers Sept-Oct). Brandts Cormorants fall-winter roosting and spring-summer breeding; peak numbers June-Oct.

Southern sea otters (threatened species) can be observed offshore, pupping occurs January-March.

CULTURAL, HISTORIC, and ARCHEOLOGICAL SENSITIVITIES

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ADDITIONAL SITE SUMMARY COMMENTS:

4-065 -A Site Strategy - Rocks Offshore Little Pico Creek

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CONCERNS and ADVICE to RESPONDERS:

HAZARDS and RESTRICTIONS:

BLM, Coastal National Monument.

Black abalone (endangered) may be present on nearby rocky intertidal habitat.

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.

SITE STRATEGIES

Strategy 4-065.1 Objective: Exclude/deflect oil from this area.

Offshore containment and recovery (OCR) is 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.

strategy number	harbor boom	swamp boom	Other boom type	sorb boom	Anchoring no	Anchoring type and gear	Boom boat	Skiffs punts	Skimmers No	Skimmers Type	Special Equipment or comment No and kinds	staff deploy	Staff tend
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Offshore containment & recovery

LOGISTICS

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

From the north: Take Hwy 101 S to Hwy 46 W to Hwy 1 N (or take Hwy 5 S to Hwy 41 W to Hwy 46 W to Hwy 1 N). Follow Hwy 1 N approx. 1.5 miles north of San Simeon.

From the South: From Hwy 101 in San Luis Obispo take the Morro Bay, Hwy 1 exit and continue as above.

LAND ACCESS: No land access offshore rock, Vista turnout 2/10 mi south for parking.

WATER LOGISTICS:

Limitations: depth, obstruction

Launching, Loading, Docking and Services Available: Morro Bay boat launch approx. 30 miles south.

FACILITIES, STAGING AREAS, POSSIBLE FIELD POSTS AND EQUIPMENT AVAILABLE:

Staging : Vista turnout 2/10 mile south of Little Pico Creek bridge for parking, WR State Beach

Command Post: Motels in San Simeon approx. 1.5 miles south. State Park's office at Hearst Castle.

Airports: SLO County Airport, approx. 1 hour south. Paso Robles Airport is 45 min. inland. Private landing strip for small planes is north of Hearst Castle Visitors center, approx. 2 miles north.

COMMUNICATIONS PROBLEMS:

ADDITIONAL OPERATIONAL COMMENTS:

