

4-100 -B Site Summary- Cambria Air Force Base Rocky Intertidal**4-100 -B**County: **San Luis Obispo**

Thomas Guide Location

Latitude N
35.5189Longitude W
121.0682USGS Quad: **Cambria**NOAA Chart: **Pt. Sur to Pt. Conception 18700**

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SITE DESCRIPTION:

See Division C map. Rocky intertidal just below the old Cambria Air Force Station. This is private property with no shore access. 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.

SEASONAL and SPECIAL RESOURCE CONCERN

Species of concern are present year round. Harbor seal pupping season is march-June. Sea otter pupping Jan.-March.

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

RESOURCES OF PRIMARY CONCERN

Wave cut platform is a haulout for harbor seals.

Harbor seals in moderate numbers have been observed here, their pupping season is March-June. Southern sea otters can be observed offshore.

CULTURAL, HISTORIC, and ARCHEOLOGICAL SENSITIVITIES

Contact SHPO and Native American Heritage Commission

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ADDITIONAL SITE SUMMARY COMMENTS:

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NOAA CHART

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CONCERNS and ADVICE to RESPONDERS:

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HAZARDS and RESTRICTIONS:

No shoreline access.

SITE STRATEGIES

Strategy 4-100.1 Objective: Defect or exclude oil from this rocky intertidal habitat.

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 type and gear	Boom boat	Skiffs punts	Skimmers No 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 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.

WATER LOGISTICS:

Limitations: depth, obstruction

Launching, Loading, Docking Morro Bay boat launch approx. 20 miles South.

and Services Available:

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

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:

ADDITIONAL OPERATIONAL COMMENTS:

