

4-110 -B Site Summary- Point Estero Rocky Intertidal**4-110 -B**

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

Thomas Guide Location
 324 J-9
 NOAA Chart: **Estero Bay 18703**

Latitude N
 35.4605
 Longitude W
 120.9999

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SITE DESCRIPTION:

See Division C map. Point Estero rocky intertidal habitat.

SEASONAL and SPECIAL RESOURCE CONCERN

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

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

RESOURCES OF PRIMARY CONCERN

Haulout area for moderate numbers of harbor seals. 500 Harbor Seals have been observed here. Southern sea otters can be observed offshore.

CULTURAL, HISTORIC, and ARCHEOLOGICAL SENSITIVITIES

Contact SHPO and Native American Heritage Commission

KEY CONTACTS: Trustee (T); Entry/Owner/Access (E); Cultural (C); or Other Assistance (O)

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ADDITIONAL SITE SUMMARY COMMENTS:

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CONCERNS and ADVICE to RESPONDERS:

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Throughout Division C, black abalone (endangered) may be present in rocky intertidal habitat (designated critical 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.

HAZARDS and RESTRICTIONS:

SITE STRATEGIES

Strategy 4-110.1 Objective: Deflect or exclude oil from this rocky intertidal 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 tvpe 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. Pass Villa Creek and turn left onto dirt road across from Villa Creek Ranch (Villa Creek Bridge Post mile marker is 40.29). Drive through gate and follow dirt road on the left to the beach. Dirt road is private property, Abalone Farm phone (805) 995-2495. Pt. Estero is approx. 1 mile north of ab farm.

From the north: Take Hwy 101 S (or 5 S to Hwy 46 W to Hwy 1 S), turn right onto dirt road right before Villa Creek, continue as above.

LAND ACCESS: Foot access only.

WATER LOGISTICS:

Limitations: depth, obstruction

Launching, Loading, Docking and Services Available: Morro Bay boat ramp is approx. 15 miles south.

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

Command post: Cayucos Veterans Memorial Building, Cayucos Dr. at North Ocean Ave. (805) 995-1228 (or county OES for alternate number), approx. 5 miles south. U.S. Coast Guard office in Morro Bay, approx. 15 miles south.

Airports: SLO County Airport is approx. 40 min south, Paso Robles Airport is approx. 45 min inland.

COMMUNICATIONS PROBLEMS:

ADDITIONAL OPERATIONAL COMMENTS:

