

4-345 -B Site Summary- Avila Rock (Offshore rock)**4-345 -B**

County: **San Luis Obispo**
USGS Quad: **Pismo Beach**

Thomas Guide Location

Latitude N Longitude W
35.1706 120.7233

NOAA Chart: **San Luis Bay 18704**

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SITE DESCRIPTION:

See Division I map. Avila Rock and Lone Rock are offshore from Fossil Point, just southeast of Avila Beach. These offshore rocks are part of the Coastal National Monument under the jurisdiction of Bureau of Land Management.

SEASONAL and SPECIAL RESOURCE CONCERN

California sea lions are present year round and pupping season is May-June. Brown pelicans roost summer-fall with peak numbers in Sept-Oct. Throughout Division I, black abalone (endangered) may be present in rocky intertidal habitat (designated critical habitat).

RESOURCES OF PRIMARY CONCERN

Brown pelicans roost on Avila Rock.

Large concentrations of California sea lions haulout year round. Southern sea otters can be observed in this area year round.

CULTURAL, HISTORIC, and ARCHEOLOGICAL SENSITIVITIES

Contact SHPO and Native American Heritage Commission.

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ADDITIONAL SITE SUMMARY COMMENTS:

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CONCERNS and ADVICE to RESPONDERS:

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Sensitive Biota including roosting birds, sea otters, and other marine mammals. 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.

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HAZARDS and RESTRICTIONS:

SITE STRATEGIES

Strategy 4-345.1 Objective: Deflect oil from this offshore rock.

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 the Avila Beach Dr. exit. Take Avila Beach Dr. to the town of Avila. Turn left on San Miguel St. to Front St. to get to Avila Beach. Avila Rock is offshore southern end of Avila Beach.

From the north: Take Hwy 101 (or 5 S to Hwy 46 W to 41 W to 101 S) to Avila Beach exit, San Luis Bay Dr. to stop sign, turn right on Avila Beach Dr. follow directions from above.

LAND ACCESS: Boat access only.

WATER LOGISTICS:

Limitations: depth, obstruction

Launching, Loading, Docking Port San Luis Boat launch.
and Services Available:

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

Staging Area: Port San Luis Harbor District parking lot.

Command Post: Port San Luis Harbor District office. CDFW office in San Luis Obispo.

Airports; SLO County Airport is approx. 15 min.

COMMUNICATIONS PROBLEMS:

ADDITIONAL OPERATIONAL COMMENTS:

