

**4-110-B Site Summary - Point Estero Rocky Intertidal****4-110-B****County:** San Luis Obispo **ACP Division/Segment:** SL - C - S04**NOAA Chart:** 18703**Map Book:** 324 J-9**Decimal Degrees:** 35.46047 -120.00092**Site Description:**

Point Estero rocky intertidal habitat. Species of concern are present year-round. Haulout area for moderate numbers of harbor seals; 500 have been observed here. Southern sea otters can be observed offshore. Black abalone may be present in rocky intertidal habitat (designated critical habitat). Designated critical habitat for leatherback sea turtles.

**Resources at Risk:**

*ESI and Habitat:* 2A Exposed wave-cut platforms in bedrock, mud, or clay  
6A Gravel Beach

**List of Resources at Risk:**

	<b>Resource Name</b>	<b>Status</b>	<b>Presence</b>	<b>Sensitivity</b>
Invertebrates	black abalone	FE	Year-round	
Mammals	harbor seal	FP	Year-round	
Mammals	Southern sea otter	FT, SP	Year-round	
Reptiles	leatherback sea turtle	FE	Aug - Nov	

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:**

<b>Type</b>	<b>Name/Title</b>	<b>Organization</b>	<b>Phone</b>
C	/	Central Coast Information Center	(805) 682-4711
C	/Coordinator	Native American Heritage Commission	(916) 373-3710
T	Justin Viezbicke/Marine Mammal Stranding	NOAA National Marine Fisheries Service	(562) 506-4315
T	Melissa Neuman/Marine Biologist	NOAA National Marine Fisheries Service	(562) 481-4594
T	Tina Fahy/Sea Turtle Recovery Coordinator	NOAA National Marine Fisheries Service	(562) 980-4023
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:**

Marine mammal pupping seasons: Harbor seals March - June; southern sea otters year-round. Leatherback sea turtles most commonly observed August - November.

**Concerns and Advice to Responders:**

Harbor Seal pupping season is March - June; southern sea otters (threatened) pup year-round. 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.

**Hazard and Restrictions:****Site Strategies:****Site Validation Level: II**

**Strategy: 4-110.1 Objective:** No Onsite Options: Consider Offshore Containment/Recovery/ART

*Strategy:* 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.

Table of Response Resources

**Last Page Update****Logistics:**

*Directions:* 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.

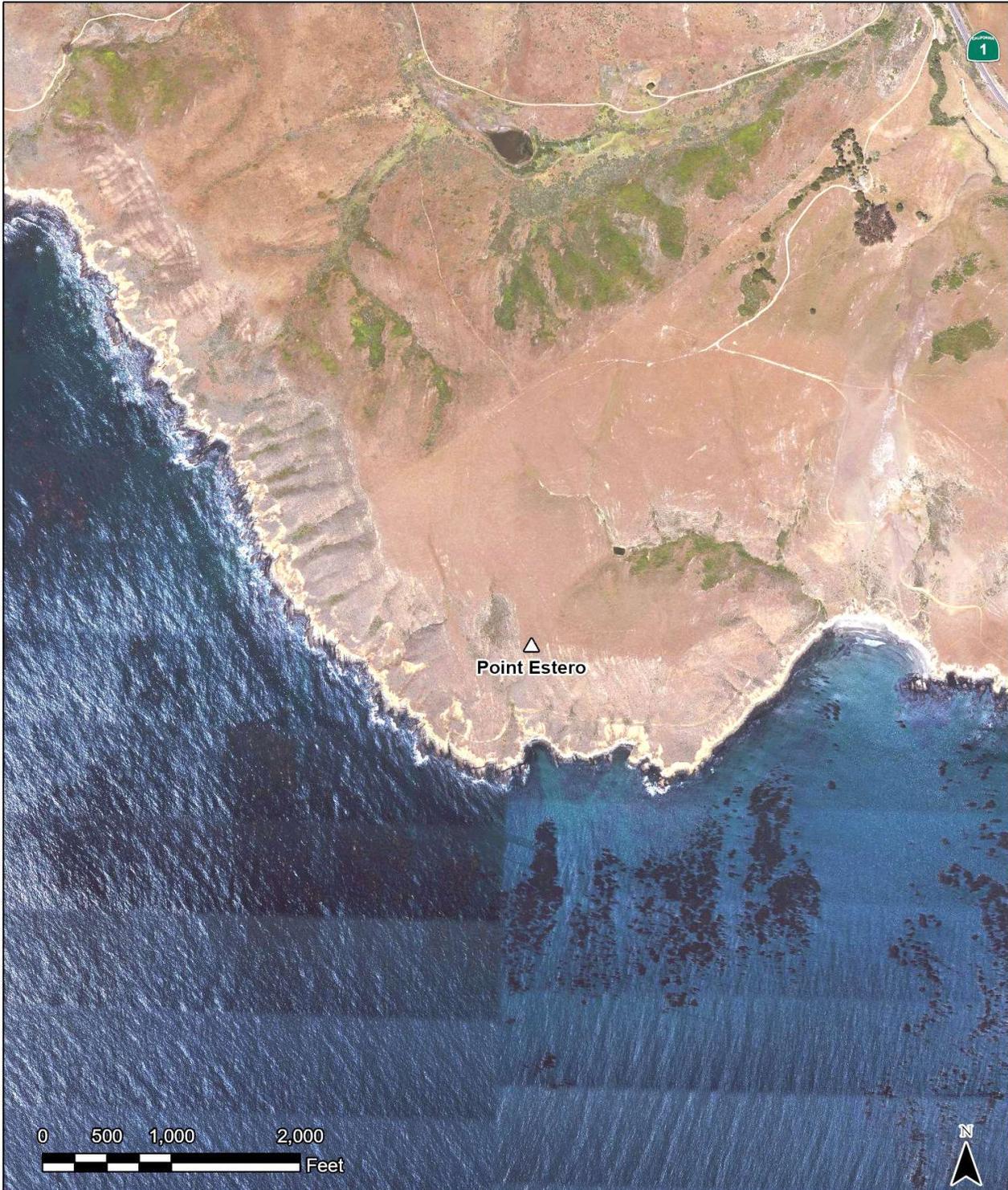
*Land Access:* Foot access only.

*On-Water Limitations:* Limitations: Depth, obstruction. Launching, Loading, Docking and Services Available: Morro Bay boat ramp is approx. 15 miles south.

*Facilities, Staging Areas, Command Posts, Available Equipment:* 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:* None.

*Additional Operational Comments:*



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**No shoreline strategies;  
consider offshore strategies**