

*County:* Santa Barbara **ACP Division/Segment:** CI - B - S000*NOAA Chart:* 18720*Map Book:* NA*Decimal Degrees:* 33.986667 -120.025**Site Description:**

This site is located on the northeastern side of Santa Rosa Island from the "Southeast Anchorage" area to East Point with primarily medium to coarse-grained sand beaches and wave-cut rock platforms. All year for high concentrations of marine mammals, seabirds and rocky intertidal resources. Nesting seabirds include black oystercatcher (Mar-Sep), Brandt's cormorant (Feb-Aug), pelagic cormorant (Mar-Sep), pigeon guillemot (Mar-Aug), western gull (Mar-Sep) and western snowy plover (Mar-Sept). Pupping and breeding marine mammals include harbor seals (Dec-May), California sea lion (May-Aug) and elephant seals (Dec-July). There are intermittent coastal wetlands and extensive surf grass, giant kelp and eelgrass beds offshore. Two rare and endangered plants (*Dudleya blochmaniae* ssp. *insularis* and *Dudleya gnoma*) exist near the coastline. Some areas offshore of this site are included in the Skunk Point Marine Reserve.

**Resources at Risk:***ESI and Habitat:* 4 Coarse-grained sand beaches

2A Exposed wave-cut platforms in bedrock, mud, or clay

**List of Resources at Risk:**

	Resource Name	Status	Presence	Sensitivity
Birds	Western snowy plover	FT, SSC	Year-round	
Birds	seabirds		Year-round	
Invertebrates	rocky intertidal invertebrates		Year-round	
Mammals	Santa Rosa Island fox	FE, ST	Year-round	
Mammals	Northern elephant seal	FP	Year-round	
Mammals	marine mammals	FP	Year-round	

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:**

Type	Name/Title	Organization	Phone
C	/	Central Coast Information Center	(805) 682-4711
C	/Coordinator	Native American Heritage Commission	(916) 373-3710
T	Steve Wertz/Senior Env. Scientist Supervisor	California Department of Fish and Wildlife, MPAs	(562) 343-3808
T	/Emergency Response Hotline	Channel Islands National Marine Sanctuary	(805) 729-0611
T	Sean Hastings/24/7	Channel Islands National Marine Sanctuary	(805) 705-1790
T	/Chief Ranger	Channel Islands National Park	(805) 218-0251
T	/Dispatch	Channel Islands National Park	(559) 565-4221
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:**

**Concerns and Advice to Responders:**

Santa Rosa Island is located 40 miles west of Ventura and is home to large numbers of seals and sea lions as well as colonies of seabirds. This site has seasonal marine mammal pupping and breeding from December through August and nesting seabirds from March through November. Trustee agencies may not sanction onshore response activities. Refer to and comply with introductory section before initiating any response activities.

**Hazard and Restrictions:**

Conditions in the Santa Barbara Channel and around the islands are variable and the ocean is unforgiving. Only experienced skippers with vessels capable of withstanding severe weather are advised to make the cross-channel passage. Major shipping lanes lie between the islands and the mainland.

**Site Strategies:****Site Validation Level: II**

**Strategy: 4-829.1 Objective:** No Onsite Options: Consider Offshore Containment/Recovery/ART

*Strategy:* There are no feasible onshore protection strategies for this area. Attempt to collect and/or disperse oil in offshore locations before it reaches the shoreline. Before initiating any response activities within the Channel Islands National Marine Sanctuary or the Channel Islands National Park, refer to and comply with the Channel Islands Introductory section. Protect the Marine Protected Area (MPA) boundaries.

Table of Response Resources

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

*Directions:* Only by boat or aircraft. Closest harbors are Santa Barbara and Ventura. Channel Islands Aviation is located at Camarillo Airport and is able to fly and land on the islands. All access to the Channel Islands must be coordinated with National Parks and must follow biosecurity protocols. Refer to introductory section for more information.

*Land Access:*

*On-Water Limitations:* Access to the island by water is available at the pier in Becher's Bay.

*Facilities, Staging Areas, Command Posts, Available Equipment:*

*Communications Problems:* Cell phone reception is unreliable. Marine VHF or Satellite phones are the best options.

*Additional Operational Comments:* Each island is equipped with at least 1 base station radio for communication with park headquarters and a marine band radio.



CDFW - OSPR & USCG Site: 4-829 Name: Santa Rosa Island: Skunk Point Area

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**No shoreline strategies;  
consider offshore strategies**