

**County:** San Diego **ACP Division/Segment:** SD - E - S001**NOAA Chart:** 18765**Map Book:** 1227 E6**Decimal Degrees:** 32.84725 -117.27807**Site Description:**

This site is within the following Marine Protected Areas: Matlahuayl State Marine Reserve and the South La Jolla State Marine Reserve, and is governed by special protections established by the CDFW Marine Region. Portions of this site are associated with the BLM's California Coastal National Monument. The La Jolla Children's Pool area has become established as a favorite haul-out site for harbor seals. Adult and pup seals are routinely present, often in large numbers that naturally attract eco-tourists who come to enjoy the amazing wildlife spectacle on the pristine La Jolla coastline. The beach is historically closed from December 15th to May 15 for pupping season.

**Resources at Risk:***ESI and Habitat:* 1A Exposed Rocky Shore

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

**List of Resources at Risk:**

Resource Name	Status	Presence	Sensitivity
Mammals harbor seal	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	/Coordinator	Native American Heritage Commission	(916) 373-3710
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C – Cultural, Historic, Archaeological; E – Entry/Owner/Access; O – Other; S – Safety; T – Trustee; X – Exclusion or Security

**Additional Site Summary Comments:**

Any response efforts made in the area around Seal Rock or Children's Pool should consider the delicate nature of this environment before resources are deployed to the area.

**Concerns and Advice to Responders:**

Site is adjacent to the MLPA areas; South La Jolla State Marine Reserve and Matlahuayl State Marine Reserve. Some of the offshore rocks in the area are part of the BLM California Coastal National Monument. These rocks provide important rearing & haul-out habitat for marine mammals.

**Hazard and Restrictions:**

Submerged and exposed offshore rocks create significant hazards to navigation near the shoreline off La Jolla.

**Site Strategies:****Site Validation Level: III****Strategy: 6-302.1 Objective:**

*Strategy:* Deploy a towed boom array to intercept floating petroleum. (The equipment list describes a single towed array). Multiple arrays may be required to address large spills.

Table of Response Resources

Equipment	Sub-Type	Size	Unit	QTY	Unit	Last Page Update
Vessel	Boom Boat			2		<i>Strategy Updated: Last Test: 5/19/2015</i>
Boom	Harbor Boom			500	feet	
Staff	Staff to Deploy			6		

**Logistics:**

*Directions:* Boat launch facilities are located at Mission Bay. Beach access is available at Coast Blvd. off Prospect St. Limited parking and staging are available.

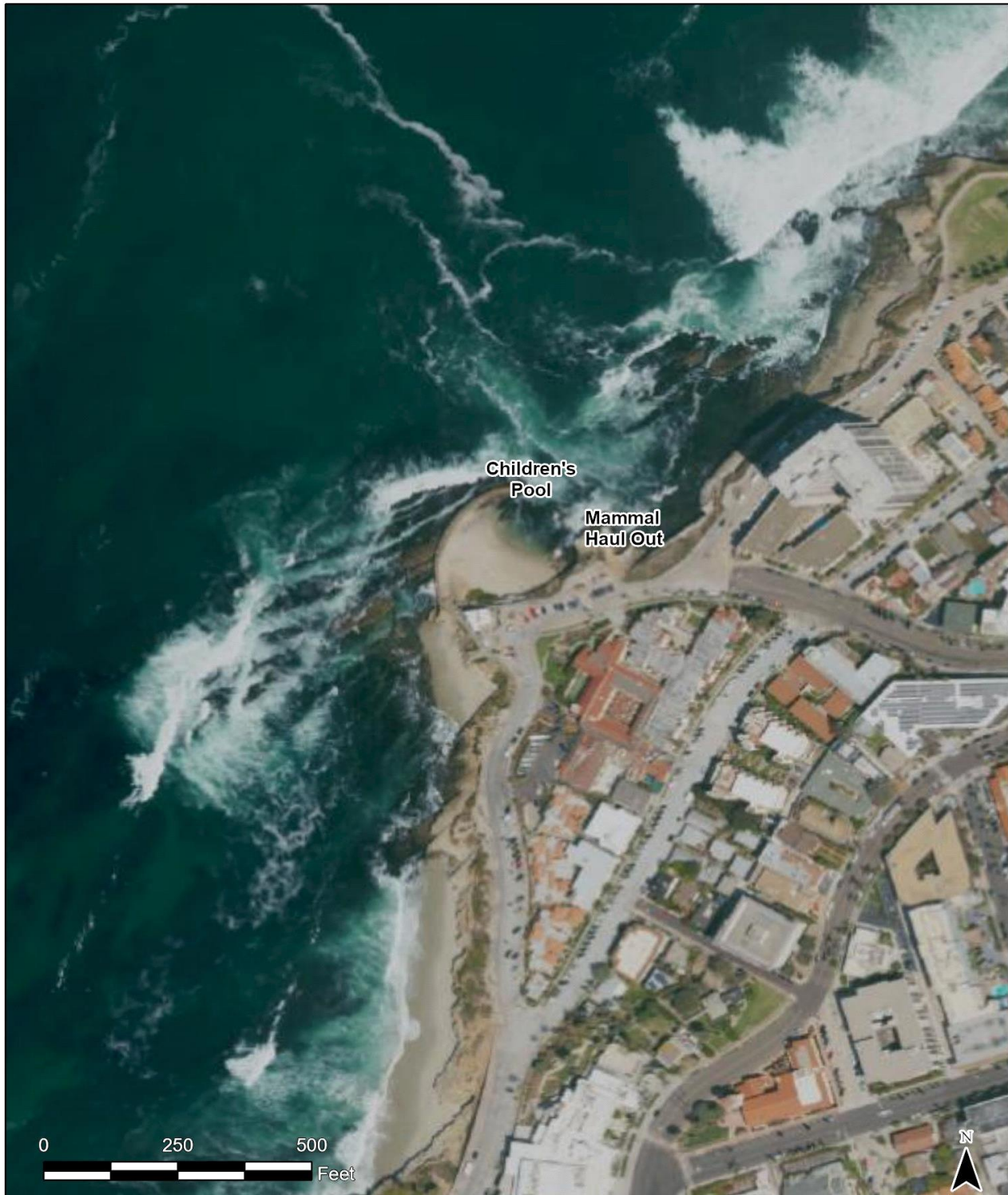
*Land Access:* Streets in the area are narrow with sharp curves. Foot access only.

*On-Water Limitations:* Vessels should remain offshore to avoid submerged rocks. Ocean worthy vessels can sail here from Mission or San Diego Bays in about two hours. A small vessel beach launching facility is located near the intersection of 8100 Camino Del Oro and Avenida De La Playa in La Jolla.

*Facilities, Staging Areas, Command Posts, Available Equipment:* Limited staging area is available.

*Communications Problems:* None.

*Additional Operational Comments:* The public access infrastructure to the beach was recently updated.



CDFW - OSPR & USCG Site: 6-302 Name: La Jolla Peninsula

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**No shoreline strategies;  
consider offshore strategies**