

*County:* San Luis Obispo **ACP Division/Segment:** SL - I - S007*NOAA Chart:* 18704*Map Book:* 693 H-7*Decimal Degrees:* 35.14858 -120.68381**Site Description:**

Offshore rocks, including Bird Rock, just offshore Margo Dodd Park, in Shell Beach. These offshore rocks are part of the Coastal National Monument under the jurisdiction of Bureau of Land Management. There is also a gravel pocket beach that is approx. 1000' long. This is a residential area. Margo Dodd Park is a city park managed by Pismo/Shell Beach Public Works Department. Designated critical habitat for back abalone. Southern sea otters are common offshore. Hundreds of brown pelicans and cormorants roost on these offshore rocks. Leatherback sea turtle designated critical habitat offshore.

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

	Resource Name	Status	Presence	Sensitivity
Birds	brown pelican	FP, SP	Year-round	
Birds	Brandt's cormorant	FP	Year-round	
Invertebrates	black abalone	FE	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:**

Type	Name/Title	Organization	Phone
C	/	Central Coast Information Center	(805) 682-4711
C	/Coordinator	Native American Heritage Commission	(916) 373-3710
E	John Hodge/Associate Field Manager	Bureau of Land Management, Coastal Natl. Monu	(661) 301-1659
T	Leisyka Parrott/CCNM Manager	Bureau of Land Management	(707) 513-3891
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:**

Southern sea otters pup year-round; brown pelicans roost summer - fall; cormorants breed spring - summer.

**Concerns and Advice to Responders:**

Black abalone (endangered) may be present on nearby rocky intertidal habitat (designated critical habitat). Leatherback sea turtle designated critical habitat offshore, most commonly observed Aug. - Nov.

**Hazard and Restrictions:**

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

**Strategy: 4-400.1** **Objective:** No Onsite Options: Consider Offshore Containment/Recovery/ART

**Strategy:** High energy rocky shoreline. Bird Rock and other rocks offshore Shell Beach, including rocks below Margo Dodd Park can be accessed by foot.

Offshore containment and recovery (OCR) are 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: Hwy 101 N to Price St. exit in Pismo Beach. Head north on Price St. To Cliff Ave., turn left. Margo Dodd Park is off Cliff Ave. at the south end of Shell Beach. From the north: Take Hwy 101 S (or Hwy 5 S to Hwy 46 W to Hwy 41 W to Hwy 101 S) to Price St. exit in Pismo Beach, north on Price, right on Cliff Ave

**Land Access:** Some stairs down to pocket beach accessible at low tide, foot only.

**On-Water Limitations:** Limitations: Launching, Loading, Docking and Services Available: Port San Luis Harbor, approx. 10 miles north.

**Facilities, Staging Areas, Command Posts, Available Equipment:** Staging Area: Street parking at Margo Dodd Park. Command Post: Hotels; Port San Luis Harbor District office; CDFW office in San Luis Obispo. Airport: SLO County Airport approx. 15 min. north.

**Communications Problems:** None.



CDFW - OSPR & USCG Site: 4-400 Name: Bird Rock - Margo Dodd Park

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**No shoreline strategies;  
consider offshore strategies**