

# Central and Northern California Coastal Marine Habitats: Oil Residence and Biological Sensitivity Indices

## RELATIVE ABUNDANCE OF MAJOR MACROBIOTA\*

Taxa	A	B	C	D	E
<b>ROCKY INTERTIDAL MACROBIOTA</b>					
Acorn barnacles			0	0	
Chlorophyta	0	0	0	0-C	0
Porphyra spp.	0	0		0	0
<i>Pelvetiopsis limitata</i>	0-C	0-C	0	C	0-C
<i>Endocladia muricata</i>	C	C	C	C	C
<i>Pelvetia fastigiata</i>					
<i>Fucus distichus</i>			C	0-C	
<i>Gigartina</i> spp.	C	C	0-C	C	C
<i>Pollicipes polymerus</i>	0	0	C	0-C	0
<i>Mytilus californianus</i>	0	0	C	C	0
<i>Corallina</i> spp./ <i>Gigartina</i> spp.	0-C	0-C	0-C	0-C	0-C
<i>Postelsia palmaeformis</i>	0	0	A	C	0
<i>Halosaccion glandiforme</i>			0-C	C-A	
<i>Iridaea</i> spp.	0	0	C	C	0
<i>Odonthalia</i> spp./ <i>Rhodomela larix</i>			0	0-C	
Coralline algae	0	0	C	0-C	0
<i>Phyllospadix</i> spp.	0	0	0	C-A	0
<i>Alaria marginata</i>	0	0	0-C	A	0
<i>Egregia menziesii</i>	0	0	C	A	0-C
<i>Laminaria</i> spp.	0	0	0-C	A	0
<i>Lessoniopsis littoralis</i>	0	0	A	C	0

<b>OTHER MACROBIOTA</b>					
<b>Kelp beds:</b>					
<i>Macrocystis</i> spp.	0	0	0	0	0
<i>Nereocystis luetkeana</i>				0-C	0
<b>Marine mammals:</b>					
Elephant seal					
Harbor seal	0			0	
Steller sea lion	0				
California sea lion	0				
<b>Seabird nesting colonies:</b>					
Fork-tailed storm petrel					
Leach's storm petrel					
Ashy storm petrel					
Brandt's cormorant					
Double-crested cormorant					
Pelagic cormorant			A		
Black oystercatcher					
Western gull			0		
Common murre					
Pigeon guillemot					
Cassin's auklet					
Rhinoceros auklet					
Tufted puffin					
<b>Threatened/Endangered Species:</b>					
Aleutian Canada goose					
Southern sea otter					

\*Relative abundance for summer conditions: 0 = occasional, C = common, A = abundant

## PHYSICAL SHORE-ZONE CHARACTERISTICS

UNIT IDENTIFIERS	A	B	C	D	E
ALONGSHORE LENGTH (km)	1.4	8.2	0.8	2.0	5.0
ACROSS-SHORE WIDTH (m)	20	20-60	10-30	20-50	10-20
WAVE EXPOSURE	10	10	10	10	10
ACROSS-SHORE COMPONENTS (morphology, texture)	Ca, Rs BI, Ccb BI, Ccg Ore, Rs	Ca, Csg Bw, Csg Bb, Csg BF, Csg BF, Cgbc	Ca, Rs Pi, Rs Ore, Rs	Ca, Rs BI, Ccg Pi, Cb Rs Ore, Rs	Ca, Rm BI, Cbr BI, Ccbg Ore, Rm
Primary	Ca, Rs BI, Ccb	Ore, Rs			Ca, Rm BI, Cb Ore, Rm
Secondary	BI, Ccg Pi, Cb Rs Ore, Rs	Ca, Rs BI, Ccgb BI, Cb			
MICRO RELIEF	R	S	R	R	R
MACRO RELIEF	S	S	R	R	S
SUMMARY CHARACTERISTICS	Rbmv0	Rbgv	RPv0	RPb'mv0	Rbmv
OIL RESIDENCE INDEX	3	1-2	3	3	3
GROUND TRUTH	0	0	3	3	3, 4

## ABBREVIATED PHYSICAL SHORE-ZONE CODING EXPLANATION

This is an abbreviated legend for the physical shore-zone coding sheets; consult the main text for a complete discussion of codes and rationale. Only the across-shore descriptors for morphology and texture are discussed.

ACROSS-SHORE COMPONENTS - dominant morphologic and textural character of each across-shore component, described in a landward to seaward sequence. Each component consists of a geomorphic form descriptor and a substrate descriptor:  
FORM + Bb, Csg + TEXTURE

The primary geomorphic forms are initially described by a series of 12 codes:

A Anthropogenic	E Coastal Bay, Lagoon, Estuary	P Platform
B Beach	I Inlet	R River
C Cliff	M Marsh	S Bar/Trough
D Dune	O Offshore Rocks	T Delta

Each of these groups is then further modified by codes as indicated below.

**Anthropogenic (A)**  
e causeway j jetty m marina t trench  
f float g groin r boat ramp s seawall w wharf

**Beach (B)**  
b berm i inclined slope s storm ridge  
m multiple intertidal bars t low-tide terrace  
f beach face r single intertidal bar w washover

**Cliff (C)**  
a active or erosional p passive c caves present

**Dune (D)**  
h blowout f foredune s ridge and swale  
d stabilized r random form l longitudinal

**Coastal Bay, Lagoon, Estuary (E)**  
b enclosed bay e estuary

**Inlet (I)**  
e ephemeral a opening fixed by offshore structures  
s stable f flood-tidal delta l ebb-tidal delta

**Marsh (M)**  
c tidal creek

**Offshore Rocks (O)**  
e intertidal reef s sea stack  
r rock outcrop (>2 m above M.S.L. and <10 m in width or length)

**Platform (P)**  
h high-tide platform f horizontal t terraced  
l low-tide platform r ramp i irregular

**River (R)**  
b braided m multiple s single channel

**Bar/Trough (S)** subtidal r with rip channels

**Delta (T)**  
c channel m multiple channels p delta plain  
f fan s single channel v crevasse  
l levee

Substrate type or sediment texture are described in detail by a series of codes. The sediments or materials of the shore are initially coded into one of four groups:  
A anthropogenic materials C clastic sediments  
B biogenic sediments R bedrock

Each of these groups is then further modified by texture or composition as indicated below.

**Anthropogenic materials (A)**  
a metal n concrete (solid) w bark or wood debris  
d debris, rubble t logs  
c concrete (individually formed) u wood (structural; e.g., pilings or boards)

**Biogenic sediments (B)**  
i trees or wood particles o organic litter  
s shell hash (with a texture as described below)

**Clastic sediments (C)**  
s sand m mud  
c cobble f silt g gravel  
p pebble l clay r rubble

**Bedrock (R)**  
i igneous m metamorphic s sedimentary

Where more than one texture is present in an across-shore component, several substrates or textures may be indicated. Where one texture physically overlies another, it is indicated by a slash (e.g., Ca/Rs, and over rock). Where several mutually exclusive textures occur within a component, such as rock outcrops within a sand beach, a colon is used to indicate that association (e.g., Ca:Ri).

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