

Tactics Legend

- DF** Deflection Booming
- DV** Diversion Booming
- EX** Exclusion Booming
- FO** Free Oil Recovery
- PR** Passive Recovery
- SR** Shoreside Recovery
- S** Staging Area
-  Boat Ramp
- BB** Beach Berm
- TG** Tide Gate
-  Protected-Water Boom
-  Open-Water Boom
-  Snare/ Sorbent Boom

Equipment - All Tactics

Boom(ft)	1700
Marine anchors	10
Shore anchors	12
Sorbent Boom(ft)	750
FO Recovery Sys	0
Shore Responders	2
Boat Responders	3
Boats	2

Version

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Response Trailer, Tactics Deployment, and Responder Safety Information









A total of **2** state response trailers are required to implement all the tactics in this GRS. Responders should always consider on-scene conditions before deploying GRP tactics. Tactics may not be safe or effective under certain conditions. Responder safety should always be the first priority.

Location

**Latitude:** 42°46'37" N  
**Longitude:** 70°48'46" W  
**NOAA Chart #** 13282

**Geographic Response Strategy**

**Plum Island River NS04**

Tactic #	Purpose	Response Equipment	Deployment Resources	Deployment Notes
EX-01a 	Prohibit oil slicks from entering a sensitive area	300 ft protected water boom 2 marine anchor system 4 shoreline anchor system	2 shore responders 1 response boats 3 boat responders	Tend through tidal changes. Deploy boom as depicted to exclude oil from sensitive areas. Anchor every 200-300'. Not tide dependent Deploy shoreside anchor first.
		N/A	Testing Date	
EX-01b 	Prohibit oil slicks from entering a sensitive area	100 ft protected water boom 1 marine anchor system 4 shoreline anchor system	2 shore responders 1 response boats 3 boat responders	Tend through tidal changes. Deploy boom as depicted to exclude oil from sensitive areas. Anchor every 200-300'. Not tide dependent Deploy shoreside anchor first.
		N/A	Testing Date	
EX-01c 	Prohibit oil slicks from entering a sensitive area	300 ft protected water boom 2 marine anchor system 4 shoreline anchor system	2 shore responders 1 response boats 3 boat responders	Tend through tidal changes. Deploy boom as depicted to exclude oil from sensitive areas. Anchor every 200-300'. Not tide dependent Deploy shoreside anchor first.
		N/A	Testing Date	
EX-01d 	Prohibit oil slicks from entering a sensitive area	400 ft protected water boom 2 marine anchor system 4 shoreline anchor system	2 shore responders 1 response boats 3 boat responders	Tend through tidal changes. Deploy boom as depicted to exclude oil from sensitive areas. Anchor every 200-300'. Not tide dependent Deploy shoreside anchor first.
		N/A	Testing Date	
EX-01e 	Prohibit oil slicks from entering a sensitive area	400 ft protected water boom 2 marine anchor system 4 shoreline anchor system	2 shore responders 1 response boats 3 boat responders	Tend through tidal changes. Deploy boom as depicted to exclude oil from sensitive areas. Anchor every 200-300'. Not tide dependent Deploy shoreside anchor first.
		N/A	Testing Date	
EX-01f 	Prohibit oil slicks from entering a sensitive area	200 ft protected water boom 1 marine anchor system 4 shoreline anchor system	2 shore responders 1 response boats 3 boat responders	Tend through tidal changes. Deploy boom as depicted to exclude oil from sensitive areas. Anchor every 200-300'. Not tide dependent Deploy shoreside anchor first.
		N/A	Testing Date	
PR-02 	Remove spilled oil by collecting it in a sorbent material	150 ft sorbent boom 150 ft sorbent pom-poms 4 anchor stakes	2 shore responders	Place and stake snare or sorbent boom in areas that are likely to pool and collect oil and across the mouths of the streams and intertidal areas. Use snare boom for persistent oils and sorbent boom for non-persistent oils. Approach the streams and intertidal areas on rising tide. Replace as necessary to maximize oil recovery.
		N/A	Testing Date	
PR-02 	Remove spilled oil by collecting it in a sorbent material	600 ft sorbent boom 600 ft sorbent pom-poms 17 anchor stakes	2 shore responders	Place and stake snare or sorbent boom in areas that are likely to pool and collect oil and across the mouths of the streams and intertidal areas. Use snare boom for persistent oils and sorbent boom for non-persistent oils. Approach the streams and intertidal areas on rising tide. Replace as necessary to maximize oil recovery.
		N/A	Testing Date	

Local contacts

Newbury Fire Department	<a href="tel:978-465-9241">978-465-9241</a>
Newbury Harbormaster	<a href="tel:978-463-9360">978-463-9360</a>
Mass Bays Estuary Assn	<a href="tel:978-374-0519">978-374-0519</a>
U.S.C.G. Station Merrimack	<a href="tel:978-462-3428">978-462-3428</a>
Mass Division of Marine Fisheries	<a href="tel:617-626-1520">617-626-1520</a>
Environmental Police	<a href="tel:800-632-8075">800-632-8075</a>



North Entrance to Plum Island River (15 April 2008)

Resources Protected

Marine Mammals	None identified
Fish	Anadromous, finfish
Invertebrates	Shellfish
Birds	Seabirds, Pied-Billed Grebe
Threat/End. Species	None identified
Cultural	None identified
Subsistence	None identified
Human Use	Boat Ramps, Marinas, Recreational Fishing, National Wildlife Refuge
Commercial Fishing	None identified
Land Management	None identified
Coastal Habitat	Marsh/Swamp, Tidal Flats



Entrance to Little Pine Island Creek at high tide on 21 May 2009. View looks southwest.

Special Considerations & Navigational Hazards

Tidal range of 7-9 ft. Tidal current max speed of 3-4 kts in main channel. Less than 1 kt in side creeks. Extensive tidal flats exposed during low tides. Vessel operators should have local knowledge and experience in operating in strong currents.