



**North Shore Geographic
Response Plan (GRP) Project
Kick-off Work Group Meeting**

April 29, 2009 - 1:00 to 3:00 PM
NOAA Fisheries Service, NE Regional Office
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Project Overview:

GRPs are oil spill response plans tailored to protect a specific sensitive area from impacts following a spill. These response plans are map-based strategies that can save time during the critical first few hours of an oil spill response. They show responders where sensitive areas are located and where to place oil spill protection resources. The purpose of this project is to develop approximately 30 GRPs for sites along the north shore coastline of Massachusetts from Salisbury to Revere. The project is being funded by the Massachusetts Department of Environmental Protection (MassDEP) through the Oil Spill Act. GRP projects have been completed for the Cape and Islands Region and for the Buzzards Bay area of Massachusetts. Additional projects are planned for other parts of the Massachusetts shoreline. Nuka Research and Planning Group, LLC has been contracted by MassDEP to facilitate the Planning Group and the GRP development process.

Planning Group Membership and Purview:

The North Shore GRP Work Group is being formed to provide oversight to the process of selecting sites and developing tactics for GRPs along the north shore coastline. Members of the including North Shore GRP Work Group represent state and federal agencies, local governments and organizations, stakeholder groups, the oil industry, and spill response professionals. The Work Group is co-chaired by MassDEP, the U.S. Coast Guard Sector Boston (USCG), NOAA Office of Response and Restoration (NOAA), and the Massachusetts Office of Coastal Zone Management (CZM). Work Group meetings will be held approximately two to three times over the life of this project. The Work Group process is open to the public and public participation is welcomed and encouraged.

Purpose of Meeting:

This is the kick-off meeting of the North Shore GRP Work Group. The meeting will be used to introduce the project to all participants, to solicit additional participation in all phases of the project, and to disseminate preliminary site selection information for review and input from Work Group members and their constituents.

Agenda

- 1:00 PM Introductions and Opening CommentsRich Packard, MassDEP**
- 1:10 PM Project Overview Ben Bryant, Nuka Research**
- 1:30 PM Establishing Oil Spill Protection Priorities Elise DeCola, Nuka Research**
- 1:50 PM Implementing GRP During a Spill Response..... CDR Claudia Gelzer, USCG**
- 2:00 PM Site Selection and Survey Process Ben Bryant**
- 2:15 PM Local Involvement and InputKathryn Glenn, MassCZM**
- 2:25 PM GRP Tactics Development and Application..... Elise DeCola**
- 2:40 PM Comments and Suggestions Group**
- 2:50 PM Timeline & Next Meeting Ben Bryant**
- 2:55 PM Review Action Items Group**
- 3:00 PM Adjourn**

Meeting Materials

- 1. Draft site list, map & matrix: <http://grp.nukaresearch.com/NSgroup.htm>

Workgroup Website: <http://grp.nukaresearch.com/NSgroup.htm>

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