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2025 Oil Spill Act Advisory Committee (OSAAC) Meeting Agenda

Date: Thursday, November 6, 2025
Time: 9:00 a.m. – 12:00 p.m.
Location: Plymouth Town Hall, The Great Hall Room (2nd Floor)
Address: 26 Court Street, Plymouth, MA 02360

1. Welcome (30 minutes)

   - Coffee and networking

   - Opening remarks – Millie Garcia-Serrano, Assistant Commissioner, Bureau of Waste Site Cleanup (BWSC), MassDEP

   - Group introductions – Julie Hutcheson, Marine Oil Spill Response Program (MOSPRA) Coordinator, MassDEP

   - Review agenda – Julie Hutcheson

2. Oil Spill Act Advisory Committee 101 (10 minutes)

   - Overview of OSAAC and Committee Members

   - OSAAC Coffee Breaks – Steve Mahoney, MOSPRA, MassDEP

3. MOSPRA Program Updates (40 minutes)

   - Financial and Trust Fund Updates – Steve Mahoney

   - Tug Escort Program – Steve Mahoney

   - Physical Oceanographic Real-Time System Buoys (PORTS) – Jim Collins, MOSPRA, MassDEP

- Trailers and Equipment – Julie Hutcheson
- Other program updates

4. MOSPRA Grant Program (15 minutes)
   - FY 2025 Grant Recipients – Jim Collins
   - FY 2026 Grants – Jim Collins

5. Geographic Response Strategy (GRS) Program Updates (20 minutes)
   - Recap of 2025 GRS Exercise Season – Julie Hutcheson
   - Planned 2026 GRS Exercise Activities – Sam Butler, Nuka Research
   - Unmanned Aircraft Systems (UAS) Staged Boom Deployment – Sam Butler

6. Guest Presentations (40 min)
   - Zak Mertz, Chief Executive Officer, and Dr. Priya Patel, BVM MRCVS, Wildlife Veterinarian – New England Wildlife Center
   - John MacPherson, Cape Cod Canal Operations Manager – Army Corps of Engineers

7. Closing Remarks

8. Oil Spill Response Trailer Walk-Through (Optional)