

Issue: Spills from Vessels - Gulf of the Farallones NMS

Problem Statement: There is a risk of spills which would impact marine mammals, seabirds and other natural resources in and around the GFNMS. Recognizing that spills can occur from any transiting vessel as they all carry crude oil, bunker fuel, and/or other hazardous material, GFNMS seeks to determine whether there is an opportunity to enhance prevention and response efforts.

GOAL (what)	OBJECTIVE/STRATEGY (what)	OUTCOME/ACTION (how)
Minimize the risk to GFNMS natural resources from spills, while allowing for the continuation of safe, efficient and environmentally sound transportation.	<ol style="list-style-type: none">1. assess level of risk and determine whether improvements can be made to reduce risk2. monitor vessel use of waters within the GFNMS3. implement outreach plan for sanctuary users4. create management system that provides for continuous evaluation and leverages opportunities for improvement, including partnerships	<p>Education/Outreach</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none">3. identify sanctuary users and develop outreach plan <p>Research/Monitoring</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none">1. evaluate data and studies2. develop monitoring plan <p>Marine Resource Protection</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none">4. evaluate area contingency plan <p>Enforcement</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none">1., 2. and 4. develop mechanism to evaluate level compliance and need for enforcement <p>Administration</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none">4a. identify agency and industry partners and develop working group4b. coordinate with other working groups on addressing additional vessel traffic issues