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Announcer: 500 fishermen will be offered training in oil spill countermeasures in a program announced today. VOCM's Denis Mulloy reported live at noon from the Marine Institute base on the Southside in St. John's.

Denis Mulloy: The three year program announced today is being offered by One Ocean, the petroleum and fishing industry liaison group with training carried out at the Marine Institute. The main funder for the program is ACOA, while the Coast Guard will provide personnel and mobile training equipment. Over five days program trainees will learn things like spill containment techniques, how spills behave, absorbent and shoreline cleanup techniques. 15 communities beginning with Arnold's Cove this September will be the focus of the training sessions in the first year. Environment Minister Tom Osborne today congratulated One Ocean on the initiative. Earle McCurdy of the FFAW says no one knows the ocean like fish harvesters. He encourages his members to get involved. Live at the Marine Institute base on the Southside, Denis Mulloy, VOCM First News.*****