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UNIQUE CHALLENGES of BOOMING FAST FLOWING RIVERS



BOOM DEPLOYMENT TECHNIQUES and STRATEGIES

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RIVER BOOMING:

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**WHEN ATTEMPTING TO BOOM A FAST
FLOWING RIVER
THERE ARE THREE (3) GIVEN:**

- YOUR RADIOS GO DOWN,**
- YOUR BOATS WON'T START &**
- YOUR ANCHOR WON'T HOLD.**

RIVER BOOMING:
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ADDITIONALLY
MOST SPILL RESPONSE TEAMS
INITIALLY CONSIST OF

• **ME,**

• **YOU,**

• **BUBBA**

A PICKUP TRUCK with LITTLE or NO
EQUIPMENT
and/or the **INCORRET TYPE** of
EQUIPMENT (BOOM)
for **RIVER APPLICATIONS.**

RIVER BOOMING:

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OFTEN the RP and its OSRO STATE:

“ YOU CAN’T BOOM a FAST FLOWING RIVER ”

WELL !!!

OUR GOAL is to SHOW YOU THAT:

YOU CAN BOOM A FAST FLOWING RIVERS

RIVER BOOMING:

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OUR OBJECTIVE IS TO PROVIDE A RESPONSE PROCESS to AID, the FIRST RESPONDER in

PROPER SELECTION of APPROPRIATE
SPILL RESPONSE STRATEGIES

for

BOOMING FAST FLOWING RIVERS

Spill Response Strategies

- **MONITOR, WAIT & DO NOTHING**
- **CONDUCT IN-SITU BURNING**
- **USE of CHEMICAL TREATMENTS**
- **PHYSICAL CONTAINMENT of OIL**
 - **PHYSICAL REMOVAL OF OIL**
 - **SHORELINE/BANK CLEANUP**
 - **WASTE DISPOSAL Disposal**
- **REMEDICATION & RESTORATION**

AN EFFECTIVE BOOM CONTAINMENT SYSTEM

- DIVERTS &/or DEFLECTS ~~the OIL Away from~~ Economic & Environmentally Sensitive Areas to Predesignated Containment & Recovery Sites.
- COLLECTS *Spilled OIL to Aid* **RECOVERY OPERATIONS.**
- CONCENTRATES *Spilled OIL to Aid in* **RECOVERY OPERATIONS.**
- PREVENTS *the Spreading of the OIL Over* **WIDER AREAS.**
 - PROTECTS *Specific Areas, i.e.,
Lakes, Rivers, Streams/Creeks, Wetlands,
Water Intake Systems and Environmentally
& Economically Sensitive Areas.*

BOOMING CONSIDERATIONS:

* *What is Practical?*

* *How Efficient?*

(Effort vs Effectiveness)

* *What are Response Options?*

(“Environmental Damaging”)

* *What are the Implications of Monitoring?*

(Self Cleaning Response)

* *Are their Political or Social Sensitivities?*

* *How much Waste will be
Generated or Collected?*

(i.e. Disposal)

SELECTION FACTORS

- * *Type of Water Body*
- * *Current Speed*
- * *Shoreline Configuration*
- * *Natural Collection Points*
- * *Water Depth*
- * *Available Equipment*
- * *Available Manpower*
- * *Amount of Oil*
- * *Weather*
- * *Time of Year*

RIVER BOOMING:
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3 CONTAINMENT BOOM DEPLOYMENT STRATEGIES

* EXCLUSION BOOMING

Deflection

* CONTAINMENT BOOMING

Lakes/Bays/Ocean

Rivers

* DIVERSION BOOMING

Single

Cascade

Chevron

RIVER BOOMING:
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* EXCLUSIONARY
BOOMING:

Boom Deployment Across or Around Sensitive Areas & Anchored in Place to “EXCLUDE” a Pollutant from Contaminating the Area.

Used Across;

Small Bays,

Harbor Entrances,

Inlets,

Rivers,

Creek/Stream Mouths

Water Intake Systems, etc.

to Protect an Area and/or Prevent being Oiled.

RIVER BOOMING:



*Exclusionary Booming of Confluence of Rivers
Nonconnah Creek, Tennessee*

RIVER BOOMING:



*Exclusionary Boom Deployment - Water Intake with “Kim-Spacers”
Red River of the North*

RIVER BOOMING:

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*** DEFLECTION BOOMING:**

Boom is Deployed from the shoreline away from the Approaching Pollutant and anchored in place.

The Pollutant is Deflected away from the River Bank &/or Shoreline

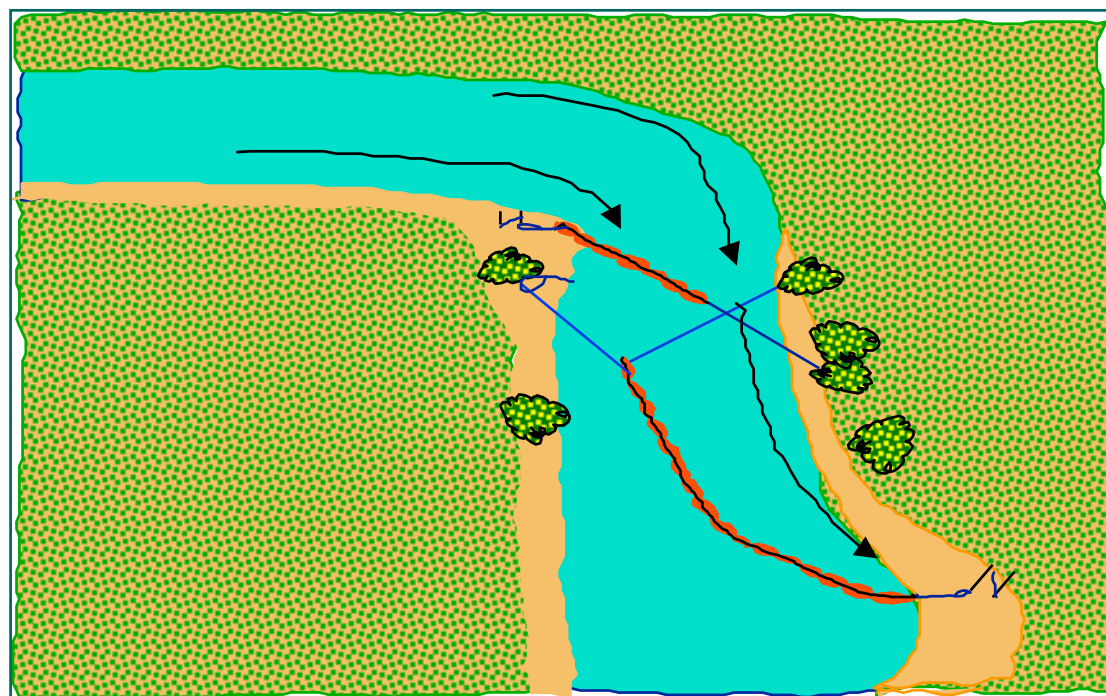
The Pollutant is “Deflected and/or Pushed Away“ from a Sensitive Area and/or Prevented from Impacting the Area in question.

The Approaching Slick is Force into a Taking a New Direction.

Used on

- Rivers,*
- Streams & Creeks,*
- Harbor Entrances,*
- Inlets,*
- Bays.*

RIVER BOOMING:



Deflection Boom Deployment

RIVER BOOMING:



*Deflection Booming - River Deployment
Yellowstone River*

RIVER BOOMING:



*Deflection Booming - River Deployment
Weber River - Utah*

RIVER BOOMING:



*Deflection Booming - River Deployment
Popo Agie River - Wyoming*

RIVER BOOMING:

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*** CONTAINMENT BOOMING:**

In Lake, Bay, Ocean Response, Boom is Deployed in a “U” or “V” Shape in Front of the Approaching Oil Slick.

Boom Towing Bridles are Anchored &/or Secured to the Work Boat with 100 Ft. of Tow Lines or Directly to the Shoreline/Bank.

On Rivers, the Oil is diverted to the Shoreline/River Bank for Containment and Recovery.

RIVER BOOMING:



Lake Catenary Towing Operations

RIVER BOOMING:



*Containment Booming - River Bank
Maris River - Montana*

RIVER BOOMING:



*Containment Booming – Cascade System
Shoshone River - Wyoming*

RIVER BOOMING:



*Single Diversionary/Containment Boom Deployment
Channel Off of Colorado River - Arizona*

TYPES of DIVERSION BOOMING

* **SINGLE
DIVERSIONARY,**

* **CASCADE
DIVERSIONARY,**

Bank to Bank System

Bridge Anchor System

Buoy Anchor System

* **CHEVRON
DIVERSIONARY**

Closed Chevron System

Open Chevron System

RIVER BOOMING:

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*** DIVERSION BOOMING:**

Boom is Deployed at an Angle to the Approaching Pollutant.

The Faster the Current the Smaller the Boom Angle of Deployment into the Flowing Water.

The Pollutant is Either “Deflected” away from a from a Sensitive Area or “Diverted” to a Central Collection Point on the River Bank to Ease Recovery.

Used on Rivers,
Streams & Creeks,
Harbor Entrances,
Inlets,
Bays

where Currents Exceed 1knot &/or 1.15 mile per hr.

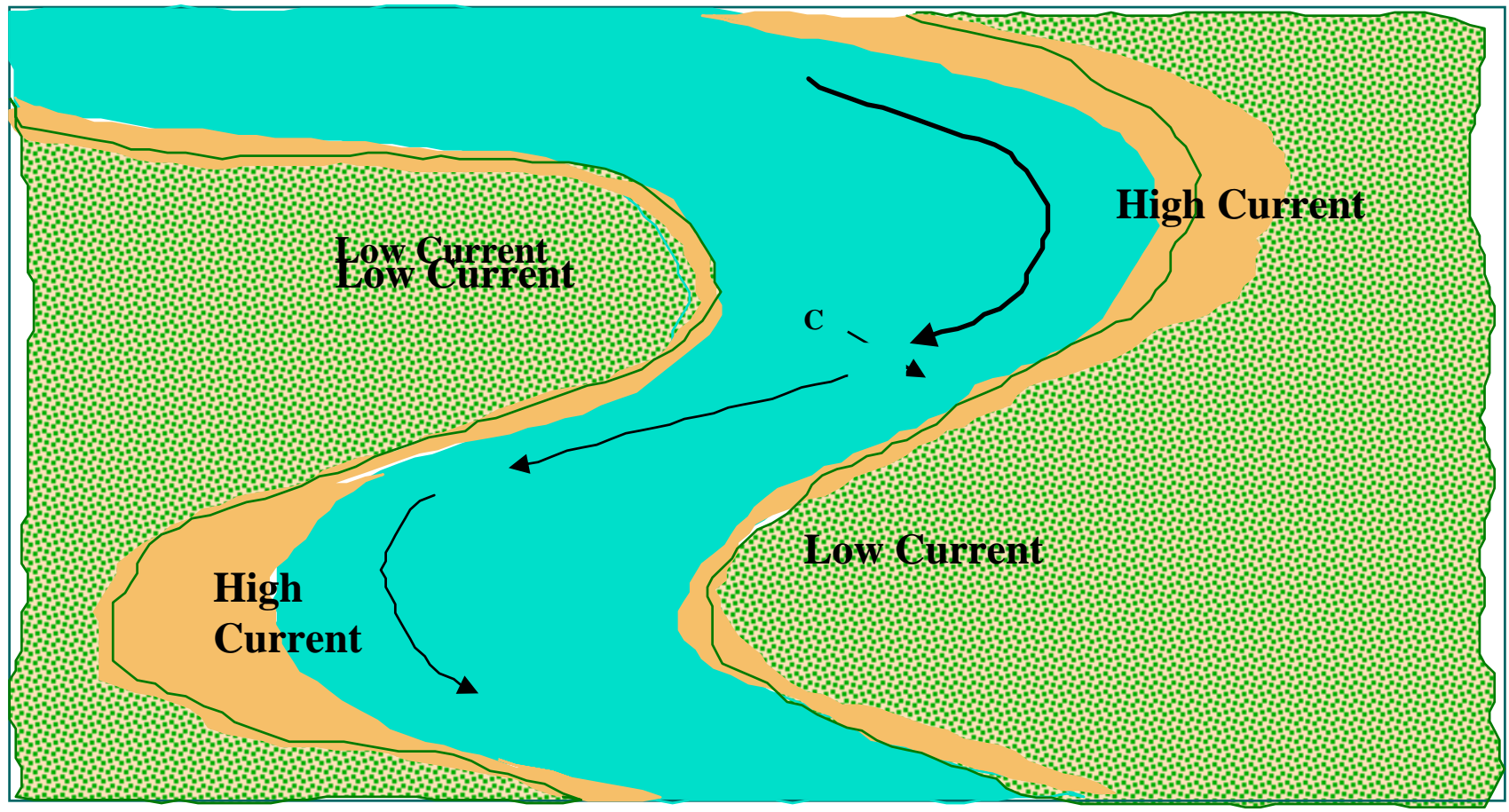
RIVER BOOMING:



DIVERSION BOOMING

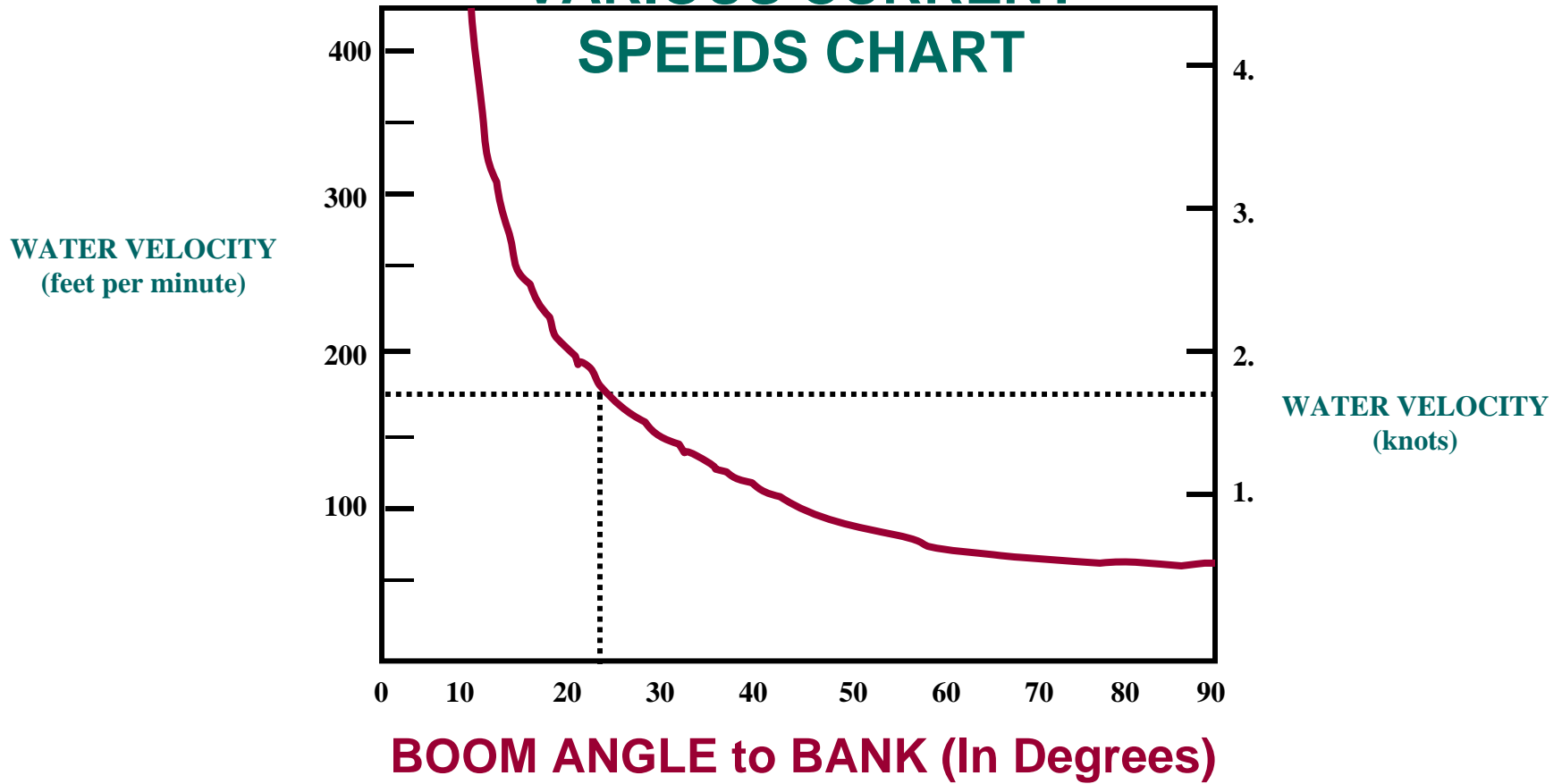


High and Low Current Areas



RIVER BOOMING:
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BOOM ANGLES for VARIOUS CURRENT SPEEDS CHART



Plot of the Maximum Angle for Boom Deployment at Increasing Current Velocities.

RIVER BOOMING:

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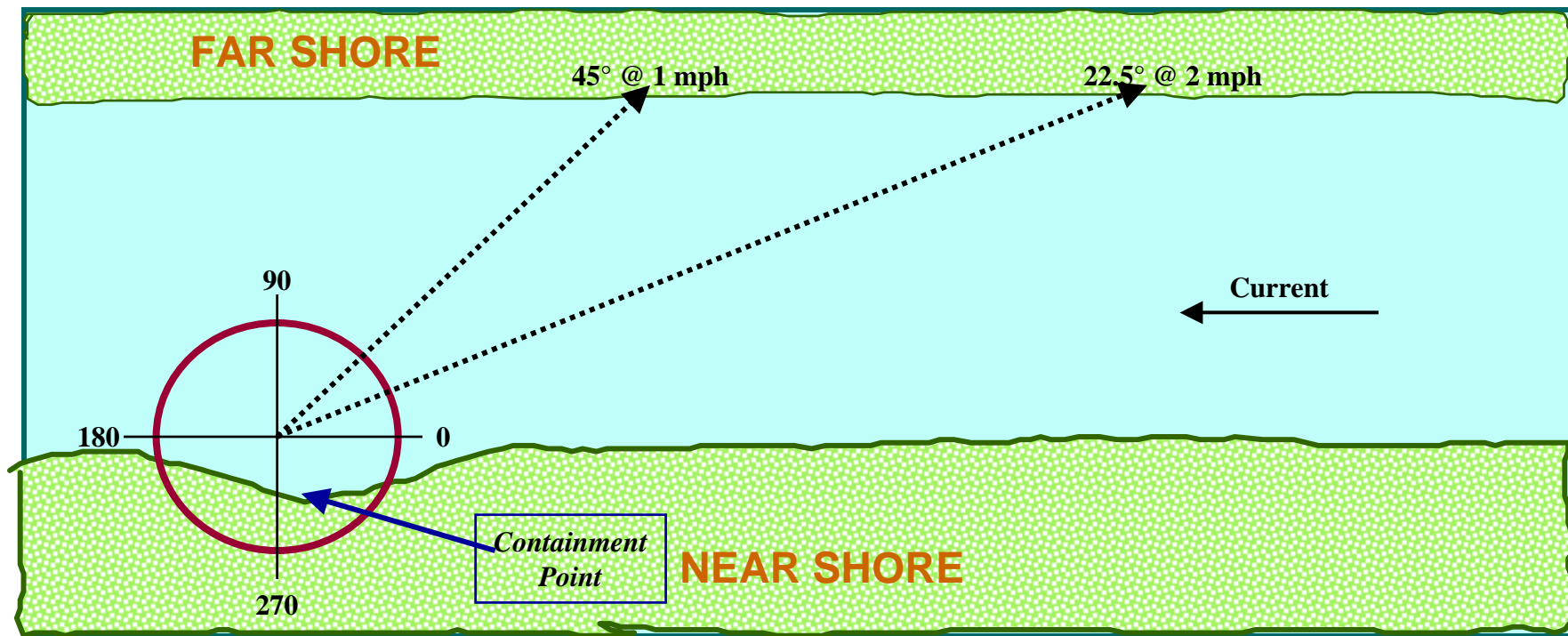
to DETERMINE ANGLE to DEPLOY BOOM in FAST FLOWING RIVER

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- ESTABLISH CONTAINMENT POINT on NEAR SHORE
 - LOOK UP RIVER AND LOCATE RIVER CURRENT COMING to YOU
 - DETERMINE RIVER CURRENT SPEED
(APPROXIMATE)
 - ESTABLISH 360 DEGREE COUNTER CLOCKWISE CIRCUMFERENCE.
 - FIND 90 DEGREE POINT on FAR SHORE of RIVER.
 - FIND 45 DEGREE POINT on FAR SHORE of RIVER.
 - FIND 20-25 DEGREE POINT on FAR SHORE of RIVER.
(USE BOOM ANGLE DEPLOYMENT CHART)
 - LOCATED POINT from NEAR SHORE to FAR SHORE at 20-25 DEGREES
is LOCATION of FIRST ANCHOR POINT.
(REPEAT PROCESS of EACH BOOM DEPLOYED)

RIVER BOOMING:

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DETERMINING ANGLE TO DEPLOY BOOM IN FAST FLOWING RIVER



RIVER BOOMING:



*Single Diversionary Boom Deployment with Secondary
Teton River - Montana*

RIVER BOOMING:



*Single Diversionary Boom Deployment with Shoreline Protection
Red River of the North*

RIVER BOOMING:



*Single Diversionary Boom Deployment with Anchor System
Missouri River - Montana*

RIVER BOOMING:

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FAST RIVER BOOMING TECHNIQUES

ROPE " CASCADE DIVERSIONARY BOOM DEPLOYMENT SYSTEMS

- **BANK to BANK ROPE SYSTEM**
- **BRIDGE to BANK ROPE SYSTEM**
- **BUOY to BANK ROPE SYSTEM**

RIVER BOOMING:



*Bank to Bank Rope Anchor System
South Platte River – Colorado*

RIVER BOOMING:



*Bank to Bank Rope Anchor System
Shoshone River - Wyoming*

RIVER BOOMING:

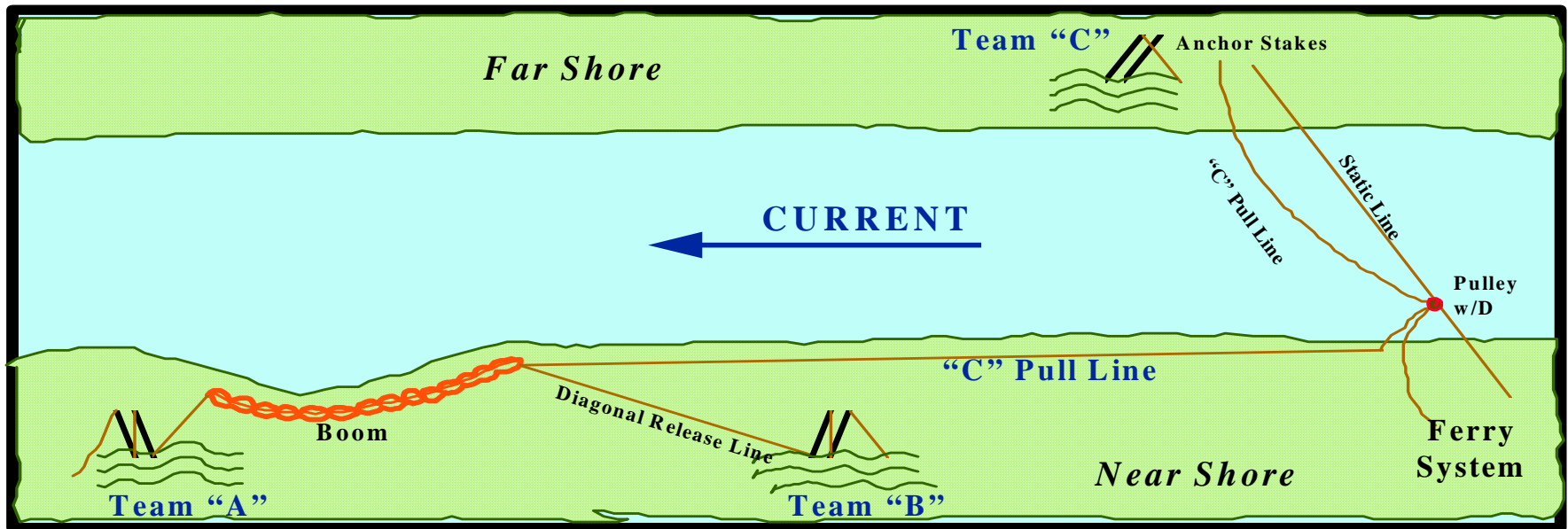


*Bank to Bank Rope Anchor System
Spokane River - Washington*

RIVER BOOMING:
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Fast River Boom Deployment

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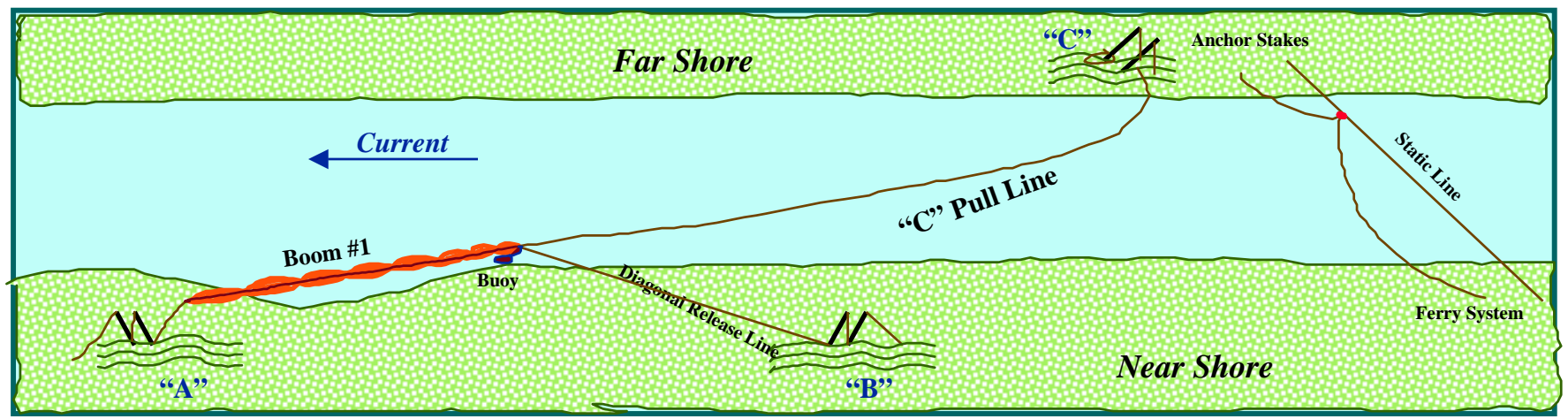
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RIVER BOOMING:



Fast River Boom Deployment

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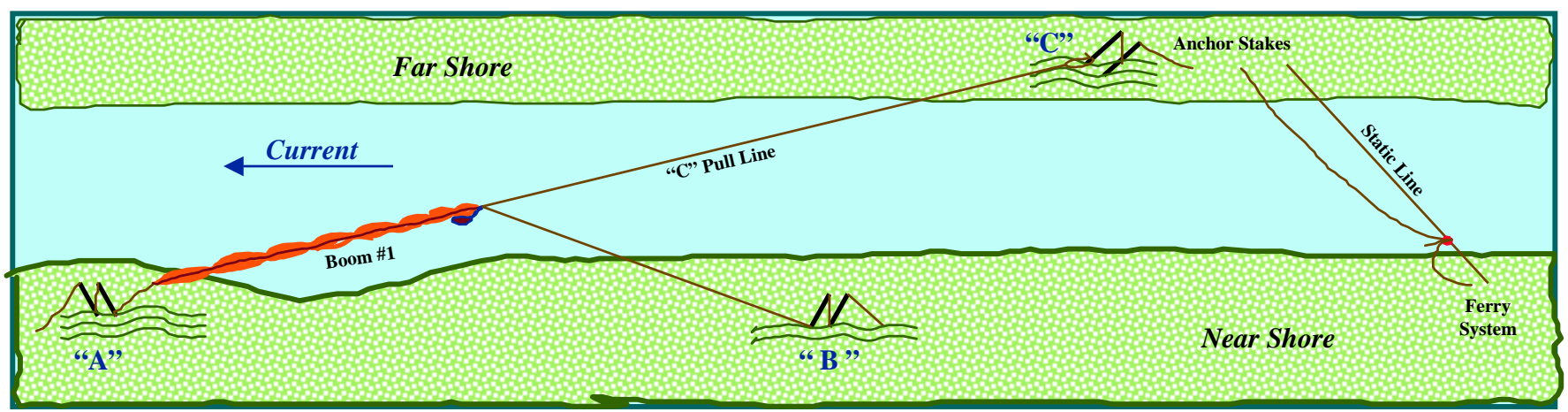
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RIVER BOOMING:



Fast River Boom Deployment

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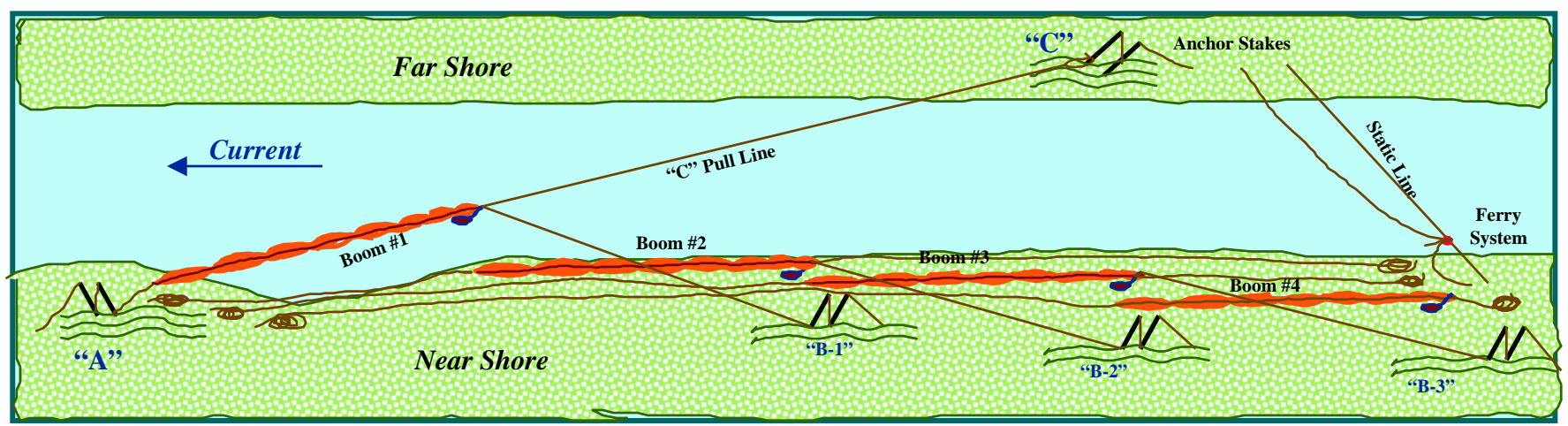
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RIVER BOOMING:



Fast River Boom Deployment

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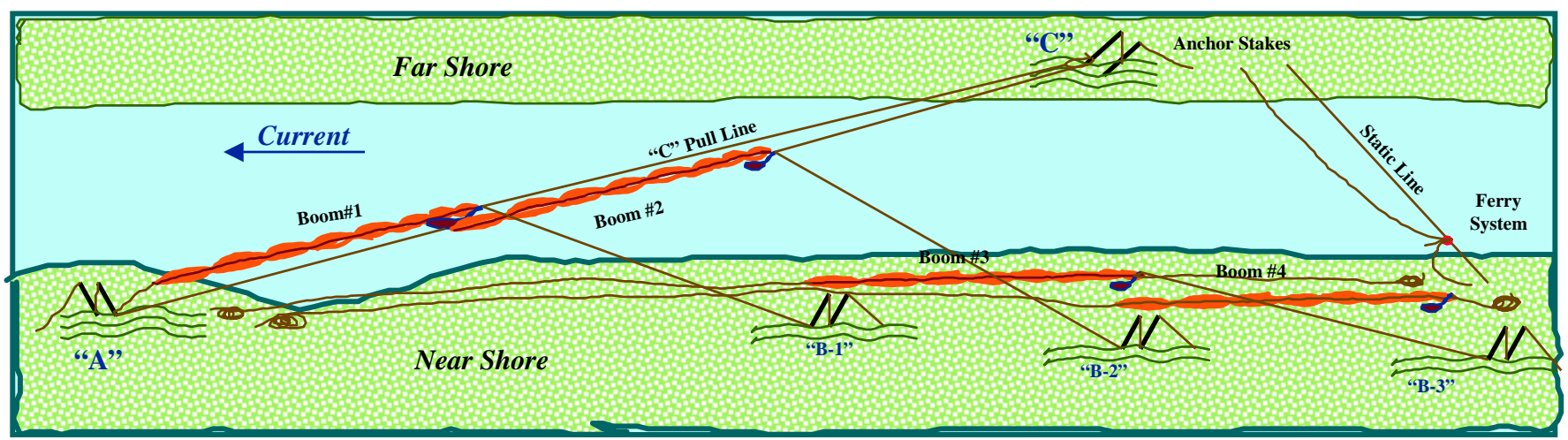
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RIVER BOOMING:



Fast River Boom Deployment

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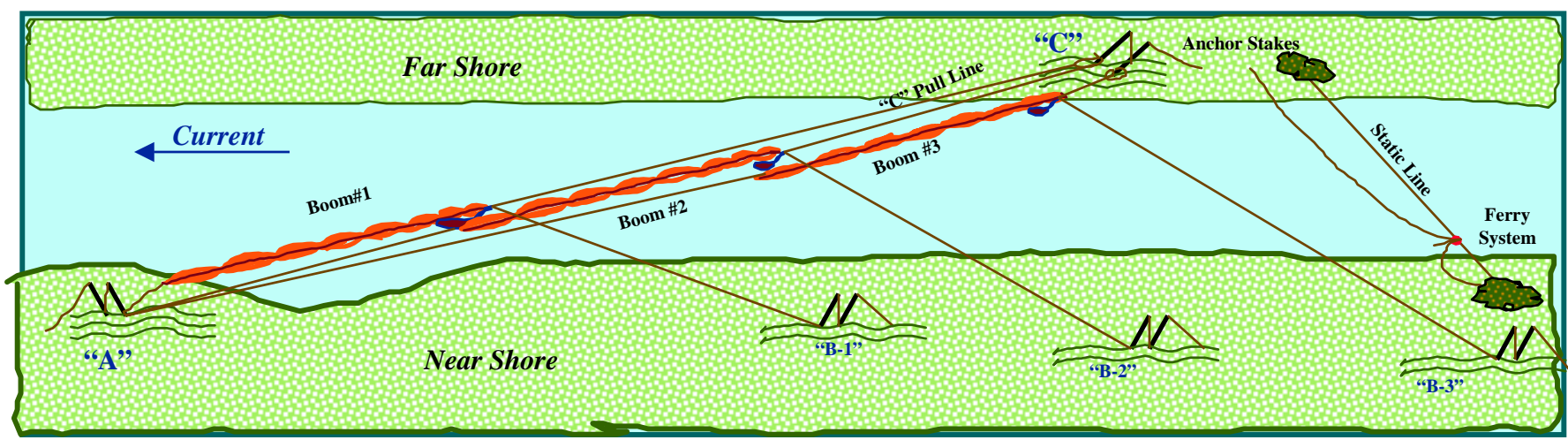
Bank to Bank Rope Anchor System

RIVER BOOMING:



Fast River Boom Deployment

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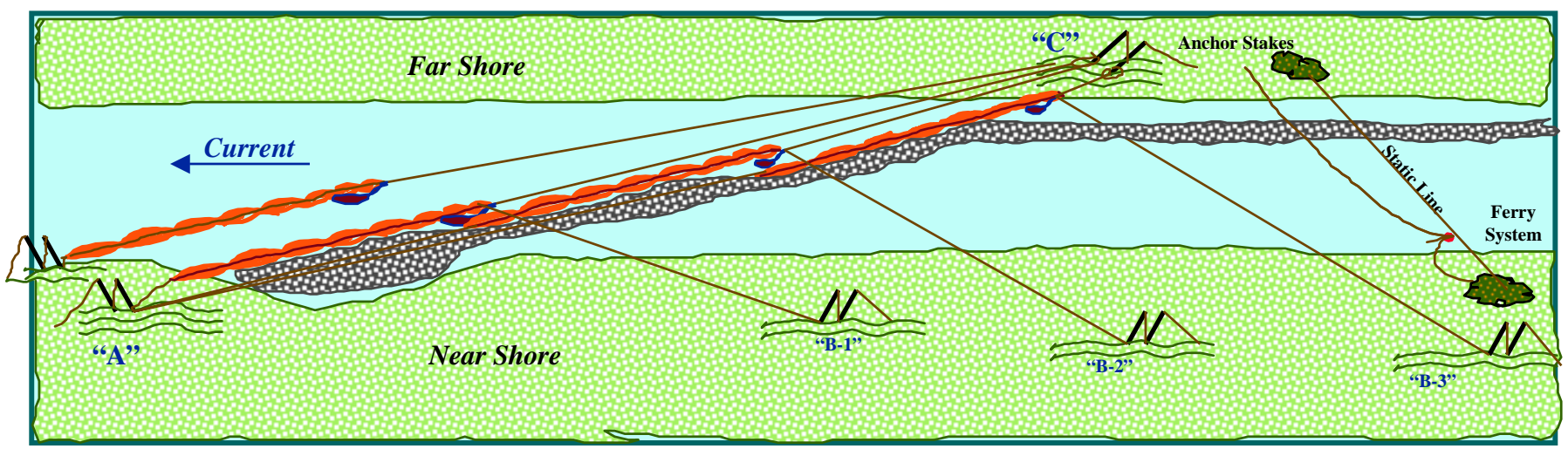
Bank to Bank Rope Anchor System

RIVER BOOMING:



Fast River Boom Deployment

Step 7.



Bank to Bank Rope Anchor System

RIVER BOOMING:



*Bank to Bank Rope Anchor System - Bank Layout
American River - California*

RIVER BOOMING:



*No. 1 - Boom Being Deployed - Bank to Bank Rope Anchor System
American River - California*

RIVER BOOMING:



*No. 2 - Boom Deployed - Bank to Bank Rope Anchor System
American River - California*

RIVER BOOMING:



*No. 3 - Boom Deployed - Bank to Bank Rope Anchor System
American River - California*

RIVER BOOMING:



*No. 4 - Boom Being Deployed - Bank to Bank Rope Anchor System
American River - California*

RIVER BOOMING:



*No. 4 - Boom Deployed - Bank to Bank Rope Anchor System
American River - California*

RIVER BOOMING:

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No. 4 - Boom Deployed - Bank to Bank Rope Anchor System

RIVER BOOMING:



*No. 6 - Boom Deployed - Bank to Bank Rope Anchor System
American River - California*

RIVER BOOMING:



*Bank to Bank Rope Anchor System
Arkansas River - Colorado*

RIVER BOOMING:



*Bank to Bank Rope Anchor System
North Platt River - Wyoming*

RIVER BOOMING:



*Bank to Bank Rope Anchor System
Rio Grande River - New Mexico*

RIVER BOOMING:



*Bank to Bank Rope Anchor System
Missouri River - Montana*

RIVER BOOMING:



*Bank to Bank Rope Anchor System Deployed
Colorado River - Nevada*

RIVER BOOMING:



*Bank to Bank Rope Anchor System
Lower Colorado River – Texas*

RIVER BOOMING:



*Bank to Bank Rope Anchor System
Maris River - Montana*

RIVER BOOMING:



*Bank to Bank Rope Anchor System
Delaware River - Pennsylvania*

RIVER BOOMING:



*Bank to Bank Rope Anchor System
Rio Grande River – New Mexico*

RIVER BOOMING:



*Bank to Bank Rope Anchor System
Arkansas River - Colorado*

RIVER BOOMING:



*Bank to Bank Rope Anchor System
Yellow Stone River - Montana*

RIVER BOOMING:



*Bank to Bank Rope Anchor System
Platt River - Wyoming*

RIVER BOOMING:



*Bank to Bank Rope Anchor System
Clark Fork - Montana*

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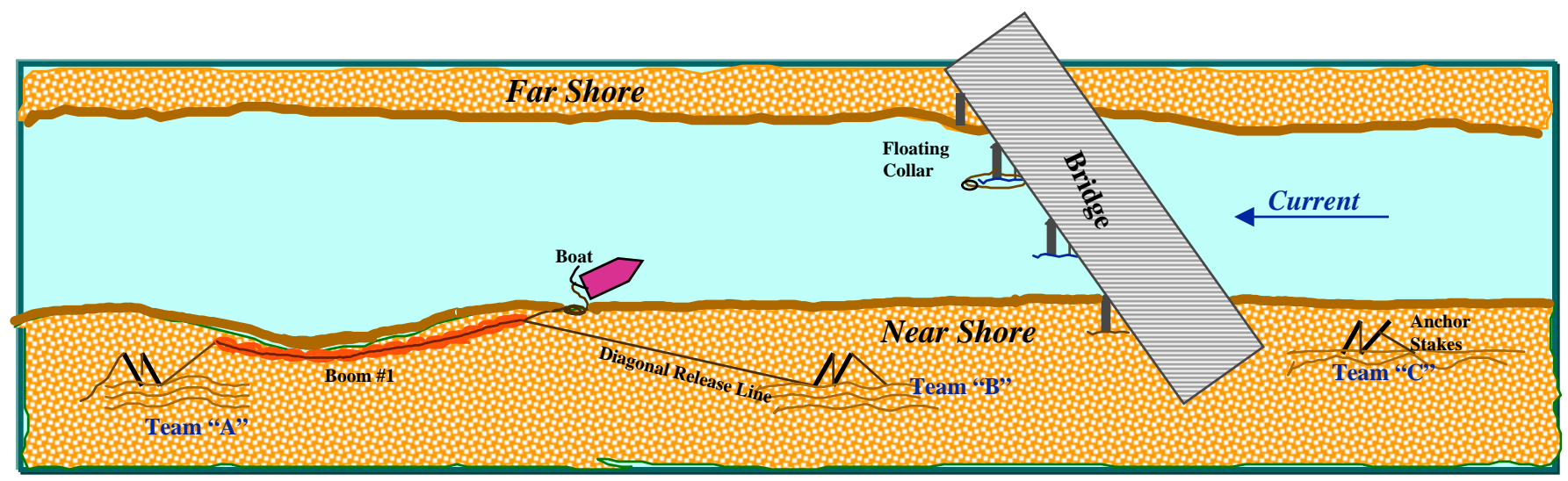
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Truckee River - Nevada*



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Fast River Boom Deployment

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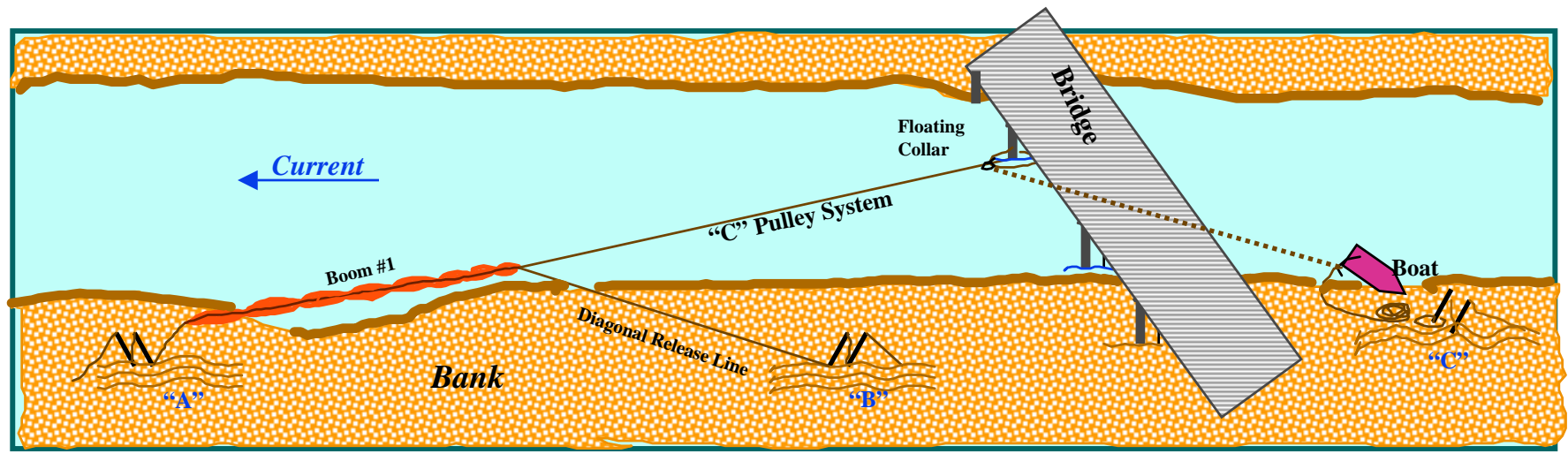
Bridge to Bank Rope Anchor System

RIVER BOOMING:



Fast River Boom Deployment

Step 2.



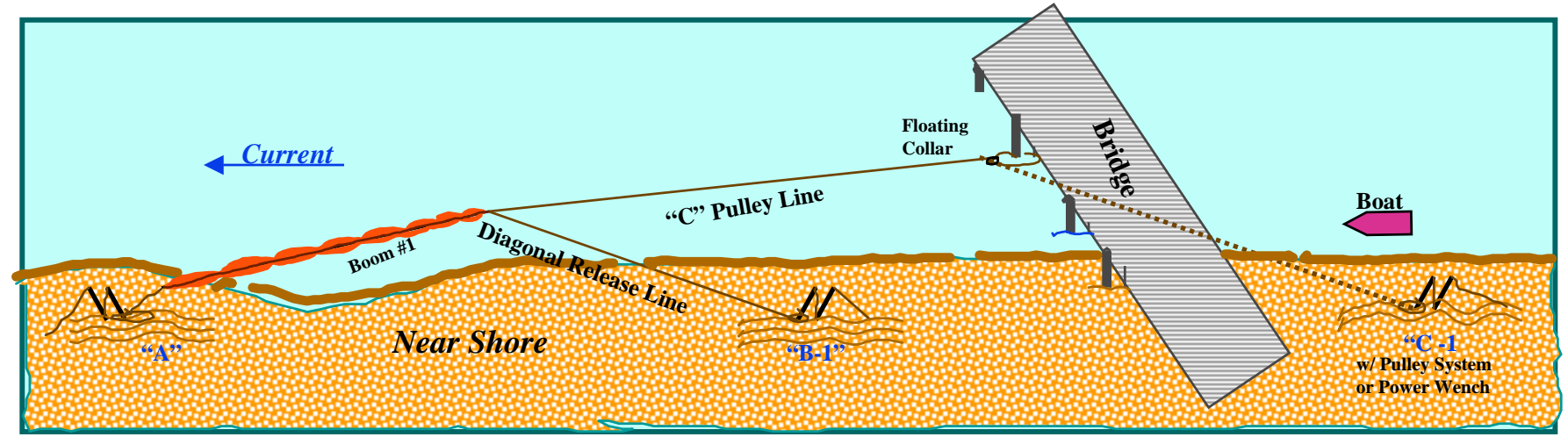
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RIVER BOOMING:

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Fast Water Booming Technique

Step 3.



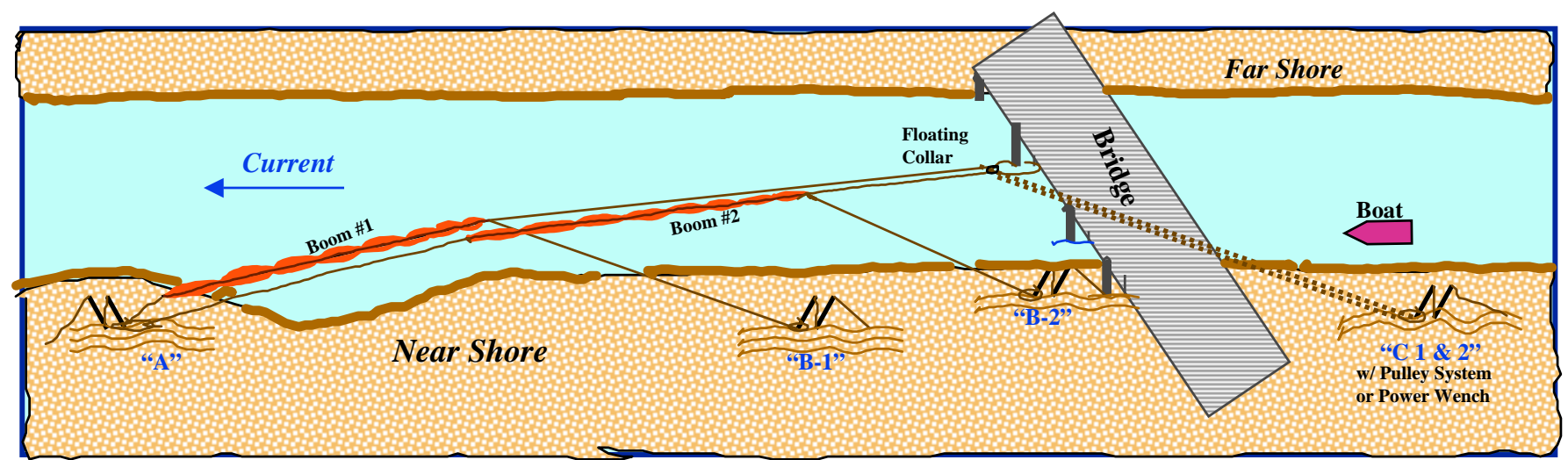
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RIVER BOOMING:



Fast River Boom Deployment

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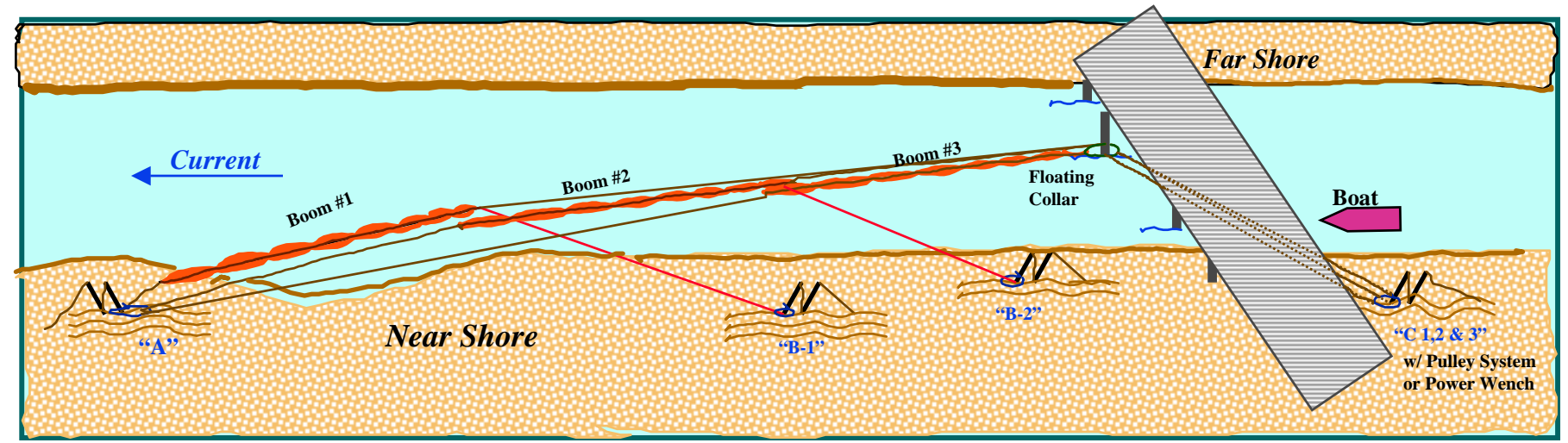


Bridge to Bank Rope Anchor System

RIVER BOOMING:
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Fast River Boom Deployment

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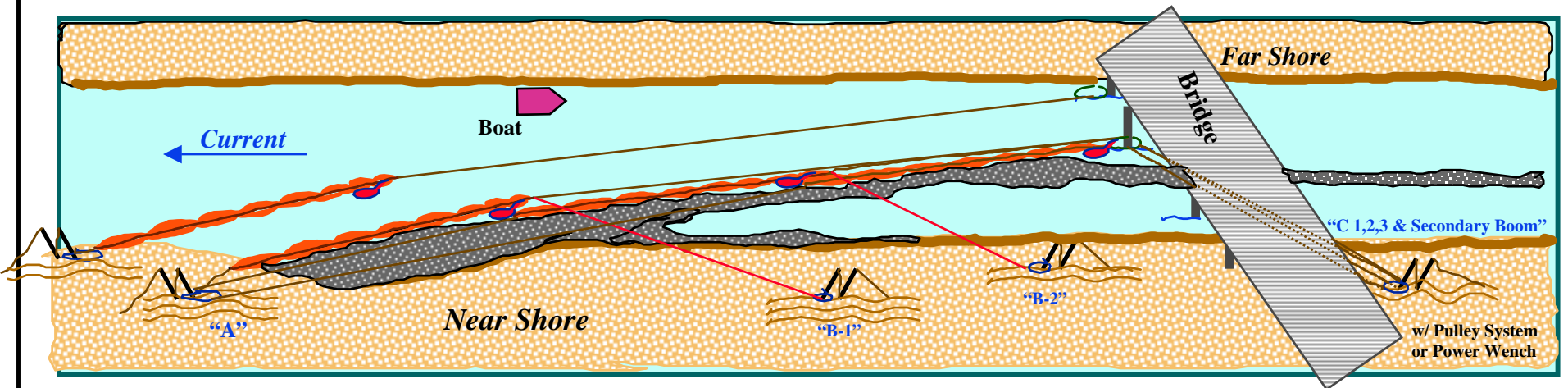
Bridge to Bank Rope Anchor System

RIVER BOOMING:



Fast River Boom Deployment

Step 6.



Bridge to Bank Rope Anchor System

RIVER BOOMING:



*Bridge to Bank Rope Anchor System - Boom Layout on River Bank
Colorado River - Nevada*

RIVER BOOMING:



*Bridge to Bank Rope Anchor System
Colorado River - Nevada*

RIVER BOOMING:



Bridge to Bank Rope Anchor System
Rope Lead Anchor Collar Around Bridge Column
Colorado River - Nevada

RIVER BOOMING:



*Rope Being Pulled by Power Winch with Side Capstan Mounted on Stand
Colorado River - Nevada*

RIVER BOOMING:

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*Bridge to Bank Rope Anchor System - View of Containment & Recovery Site
Colorado River - Nevada*

RIVER BOOMING:



*Bridge to Bank Rope Anchor System
Colorado River - California*

RIVER BOOMING:



*Bridge to Bank Rope Anchor System
Boat deploying Rope Lead to Column "D" Ring & Shore
Colorado River - California*

RIVER BOOMING:



*Bridge to Bank Rope Anchor System - Boat & Rope Handling
Colorado River - California*

RIVER BOOMING:



*Bridge to Bank Rope Anchor System
Rope Handling with Use of Webbing & "D" Rings
Colorado River - California*

RIVER BOOMING:



*Bridge to Bank Rope Anchor System - Rope Leads to River Bank & Power Wench
Colorado River - California*

RIVER BOOMING:



*Bridge to Bank Rope Anchor System
Power Wench with Rope Lead thru "D" Ring located on Bridge Column
Colorado River - California*

RIVER BOOMING:



*Bridge to Bank Rope Anchor System - Containment Area
Colorado River - California*

RIVER BOOMING:



*Bridge to Bank Rope Anchor System
View of Boom Containment & Recovery Site
Colorado River - California*

RIVER BOOMING:



*Bridge to Bank Rope Anchor System
Missouri River - Montana*

RIVER BOOMING:



*Bridge to Bank Rope Anchor System
Nonconnah Creek - Tennessee*

RIVER BOOMING:



*Bridge to Bank Rope Anchor System - Rope Leads Anchored to Bridge I-Beam
Weber River - Utah*

RIVER BOOMING:



*Bridge to Bank Rope Anchor System - View of Bridge Rope Anchoring
Weber River - Utah*

RIVER BOOMING:

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Pulley System from I-Beam

RIVER BOOMING:



*Bridge to Bank Rope Anchor System
Rope Leads with Pulleys Anchored to Bridge I-Beam
Weber River - Utah*

RIVER BOOMING:



*Bridge to Bank Rope Anchor System
Open Chevron Cascade Boom Deployment with Deflection
Weber River - Utah*

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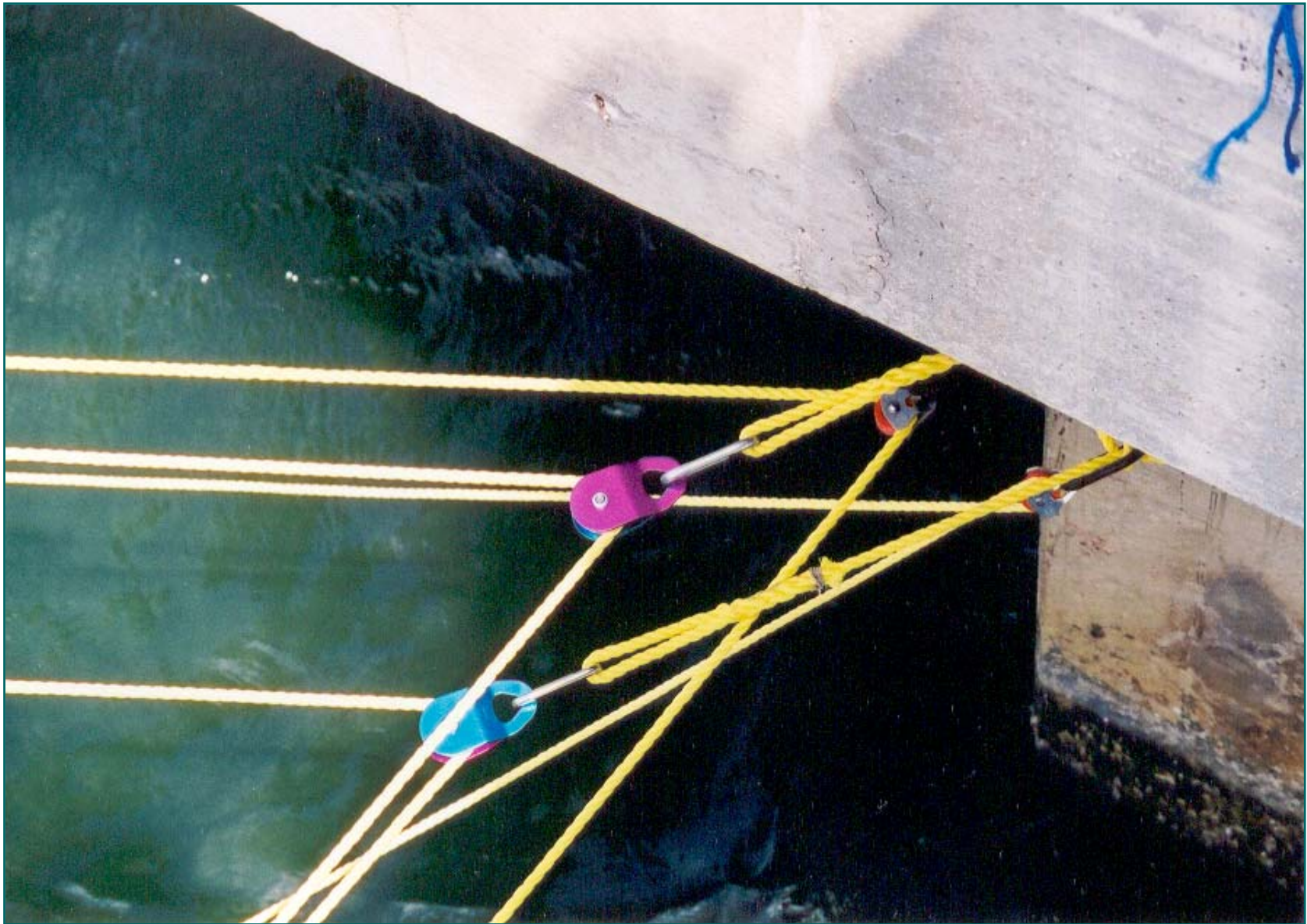
*Bridge to Bank Rope Anchor System
St. Johns River - Florida*

RIVER BOOMING:



*Cascade Diversionary Booming
Bridge to Bank Rope Anchor System*

RIVER BOOMING:



*Cascade Diversionary Booming - Bridge to Bank Rope Anchor System
St. Johns River - Florida*

RIVER BOOMING:



*Bridge to Bank Rope Anchor System
St. Johns River - Florida*

RIVER BOOMING:



*Bridge to Bank Rope Anchor System
St. Johns River – Florida*

RIVER BOOMING:



*Modified Bridge to Bank Rope Anchor System (Trees)
- Mississippi*

RIVER BOOMING:



*Cascade Diversionary Booming
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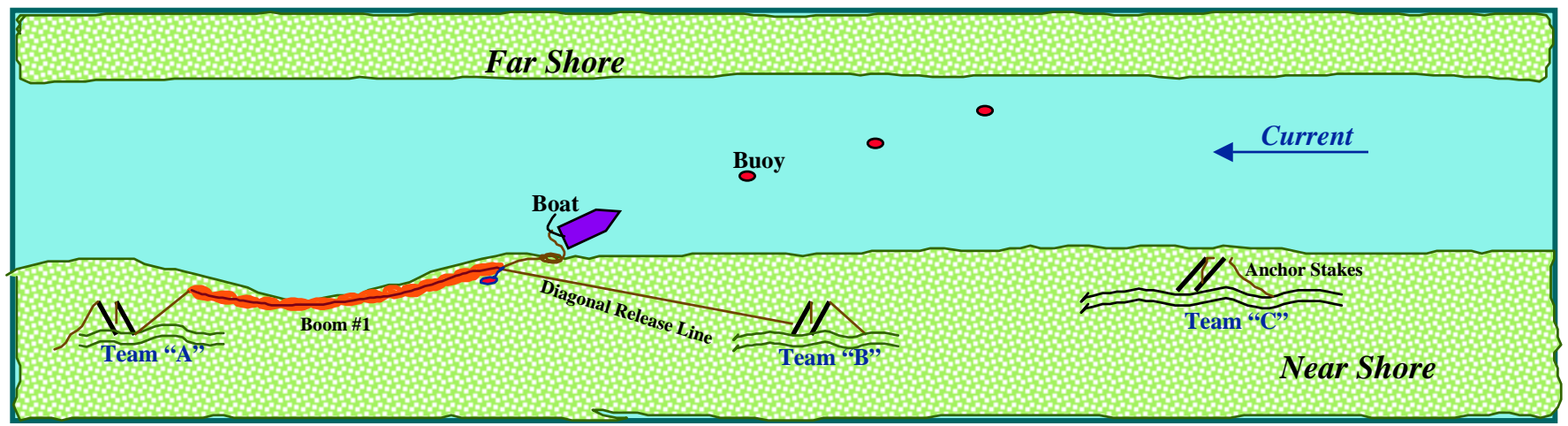
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RIVER BOOMING:



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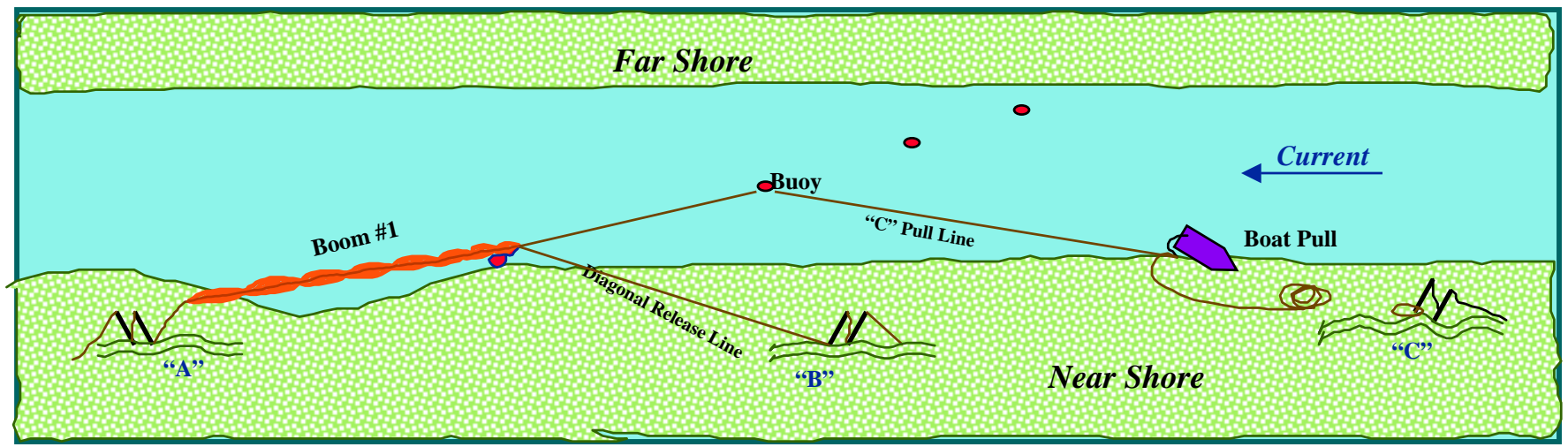
Buoy to Bank Rope Anchor System

RIVER BOOMING:

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Fast River Boom Deployment

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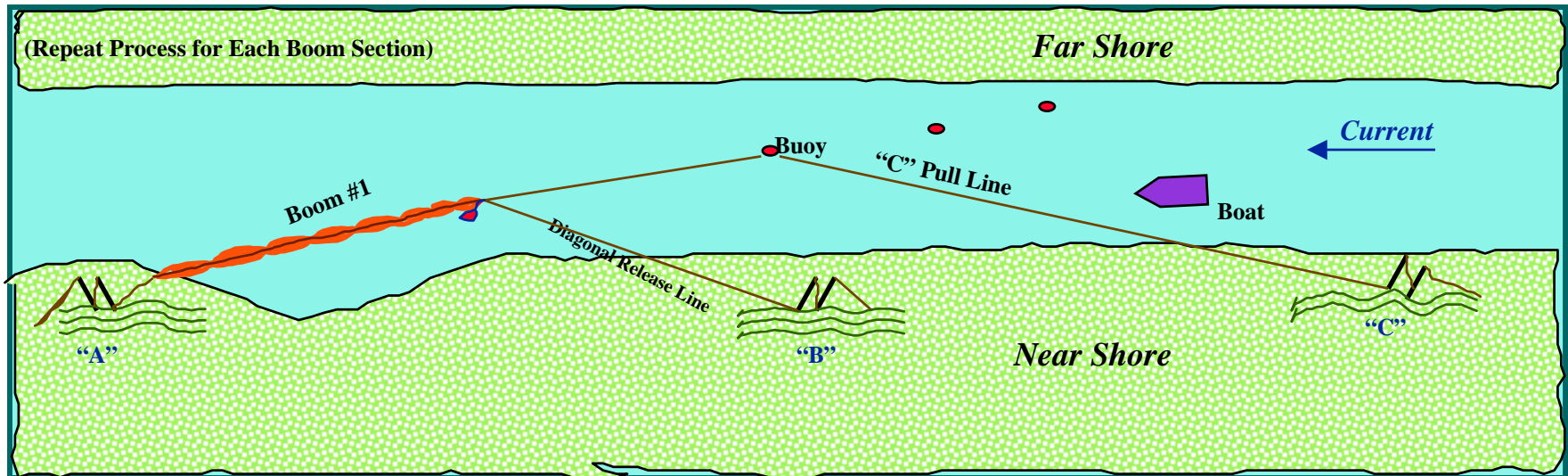
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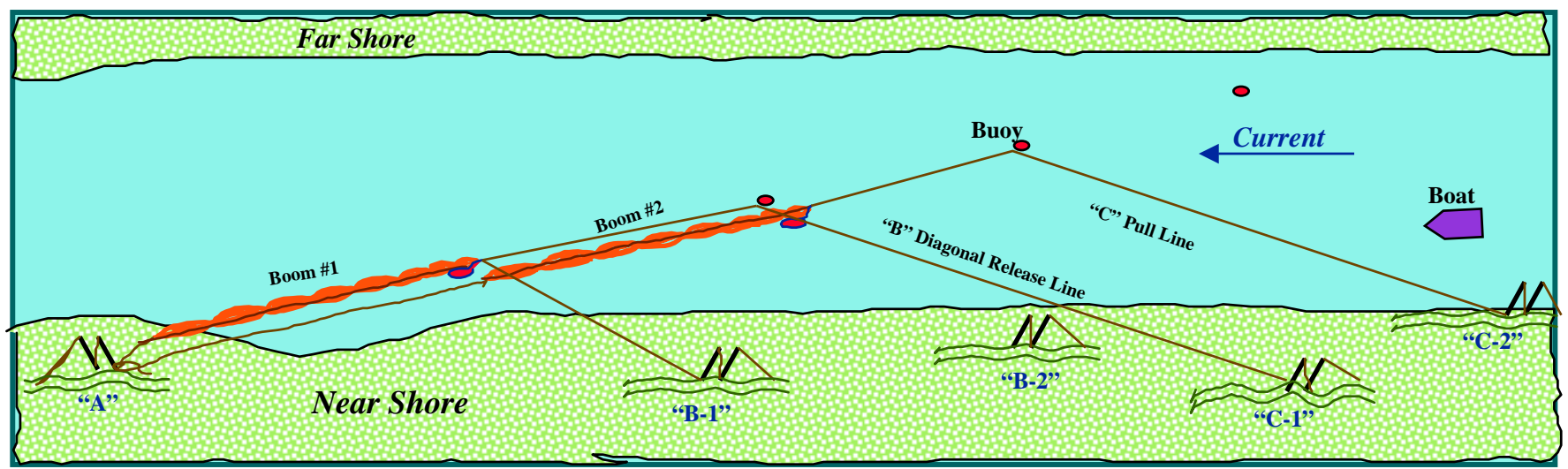
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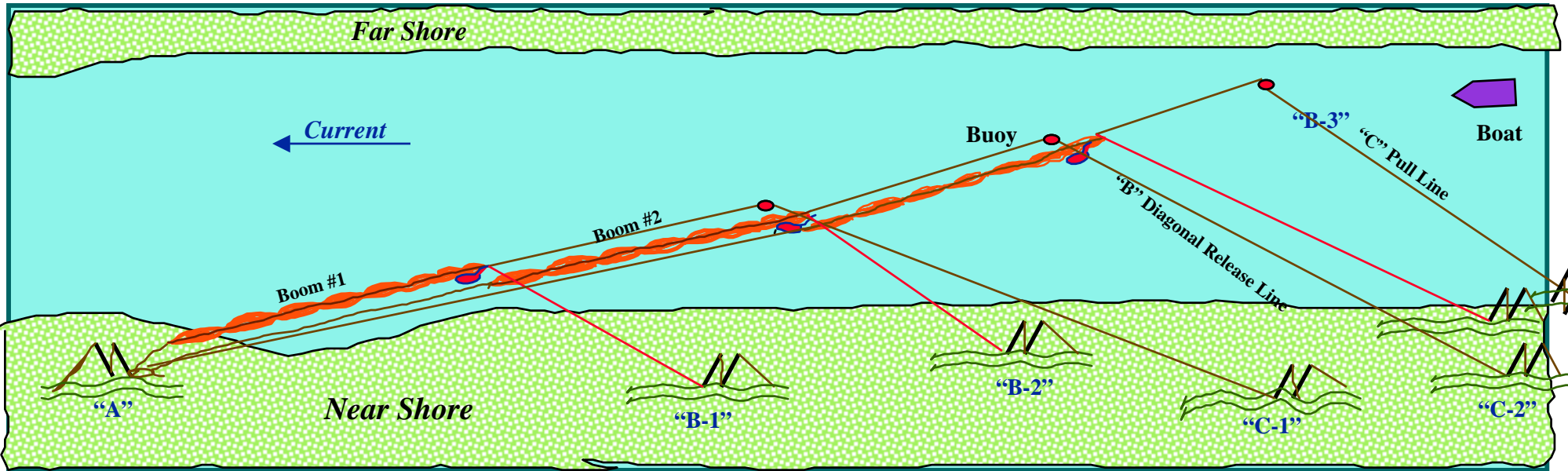


Buoy to Bank Rope Anchor System

(Repeat Process for Each Boom Section)

Fast River Boom Deployment

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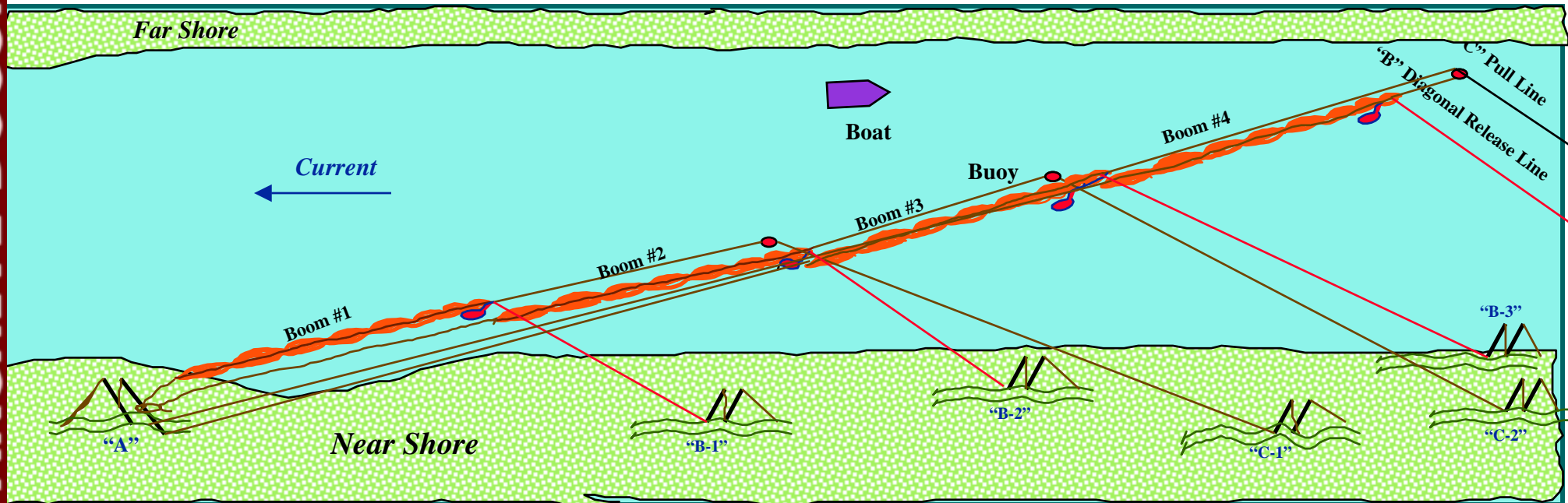


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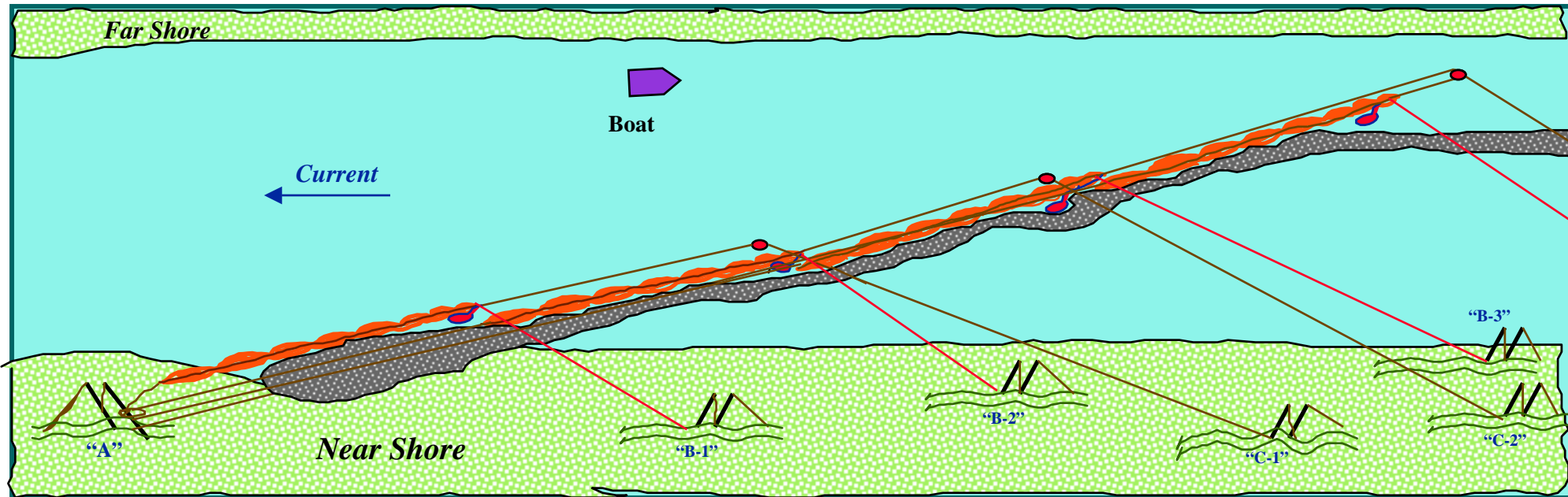


Buoy to Bank Rope Anchor System

RIVER BOOMING:
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Fast River Boom Deployment

Step 7.



Buoy to Bank Rope Anchor System

RIVER BOOMING:



*Buoy to Bank Rope Anchor System - Boom Layout on Bank
Colorado River - Arizona*

RIVER BOOMING:



*Buoy to Bank Rope Anchor System - Permanent Anchor Placement
Colorado River - Arizona*

RIVER BOOMING:



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RIVER BOOMING:



*Buoy to Bank Rope Anchor System
Cascade Diversionary Booming*

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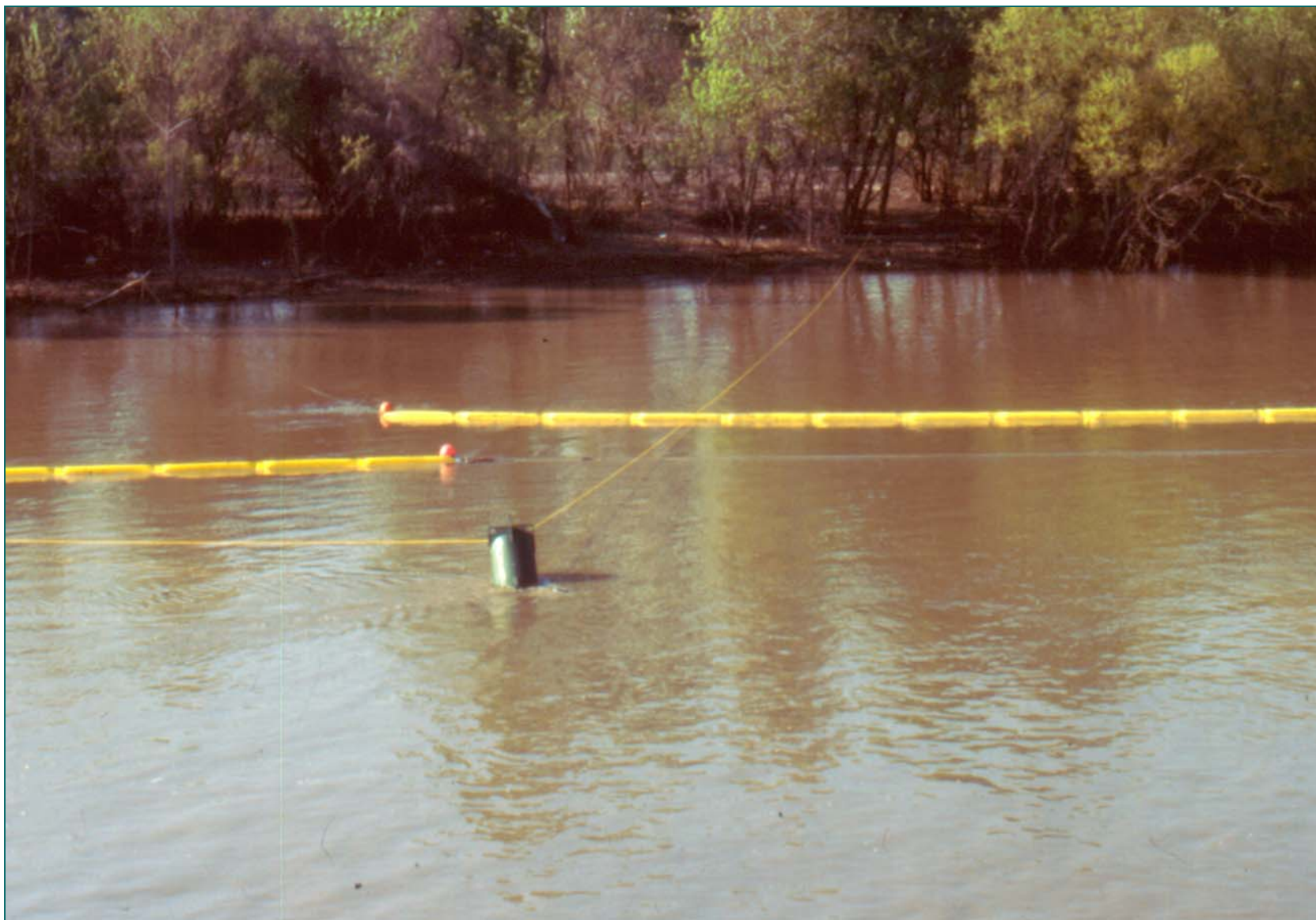
*Buoy to Bank Anchor System
USCG Buoy Tender in Position to Drop 1600 lbs. Sinker with Buoy
Missouri River - Missouri*

RIVER BOOMING:



*Buoy to Bank Rope Anchor System
USCG Buoy Tender Dropping 1600 lbs. Sinker with Buoy
Missouri River - Missouri*

RIVER BOOMING:



Buoy to Bank Rope Anchor System
USCG Buoy Tender Dropping 1600 lbs. Sinker with Buoy
Mississippi River - Missouri

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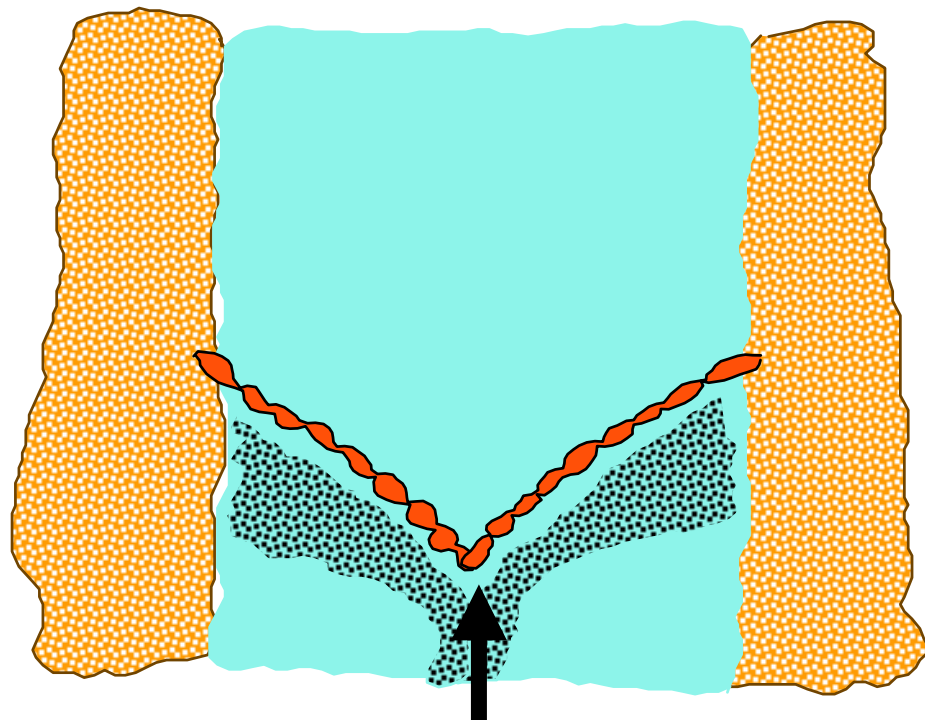


*Buoy to Bank Rope Anchor System
Mississippi River - Missouri*

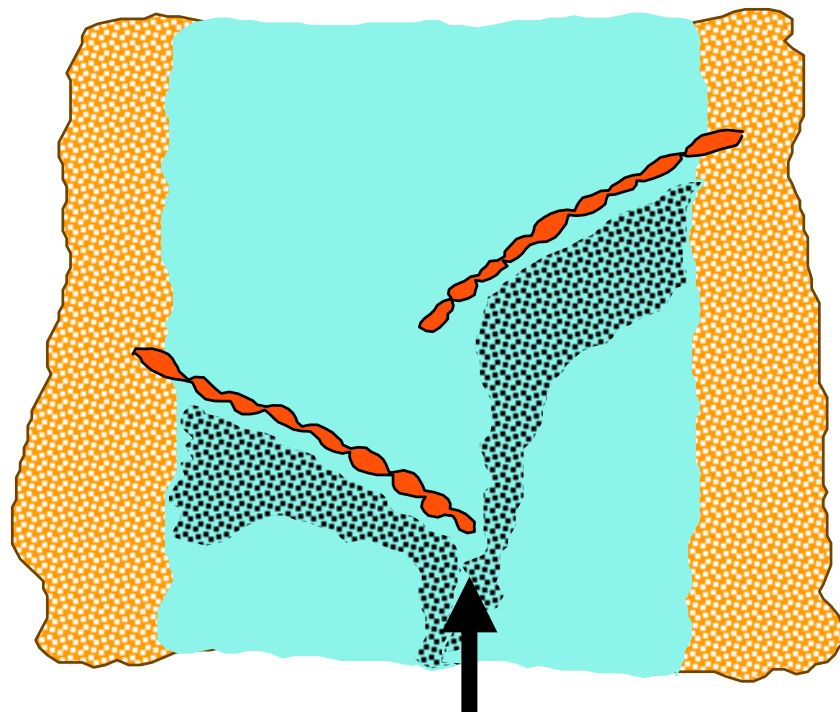
RIVER BOOMING:



Chevron Boom Deployment



Chevron



Open Chevron

RIVER BOOMING:

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Chevron Diversionary Booming

RIVER BOOMING:

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*Open Cascade Chevron Diversion Booming
- with Permanent Anchors*

RIVER BOOMING:

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Open Cascade Chevron Diversionary Booming

RESPONSE STRATEGY THAT IS SELECTED WILL DEPEND ON THE FOLLOWING FACTORS:

- * *Type of Water Body*
- * *Current Speed*
- * *Shoreline Configuration*
- * *Natural Collection Points*
- * *Water Depth*
- * *Available Equipment*
- * *Available Manpower*
- * *Amount of Oil*
- * *Weather*
- * *Time of Year*

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(Self Cleaning Response)

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(i.e. Disposal)

RIVER BOOMING:

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to DETERMINE ANGLE to DEPLOY BOOM in FAST FLOWING RIVER



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is LOCATION of FIRST ANCHOR POINT.
(REPEAT PROCESS of EACH BOOM DEPLOYED)

RIVER BOOMING:

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**IN SUMMARY -
HOW to DEPLOY BOOM in FAST FLOWING RIVERS**



•IF THE RIVER LOOKS FAST – THEN CONSIDER IT FAST.

•USE BOOM ANGLE CHART -

**IF IN DOUBT ESTABLISH A 20-25 DEGREE POINT INTO THE RIVER
CURRENT TO ESTABLISH BOOM DEPLOYMENT & ANCHORING POINT**

A GIVEN - THE FASTER THE RIVER CURRENT:

**THE SMALLER THE ANGLE INTO THE RIVER CURRENT TO DETERMINE
BOOM DEPLOYMENT ANGLE and ANCHOR POINT ON THE FAR SHORE**

**•THE SMALLER THE BOOM SIZE THAT SHOULD BE DEPLOYED
(10” AND/OR 12” IS THE MAXIMUM SIZE)**

**THE SHORTER THE BOOM LENGTH SECTION THAT SHOULD BE DEPLOYED
(GENERALLY 50’ TO 100’ SECTIONS)**

RIVERS BOOMED in the U.S.A.

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ALASKA:

Colville Sagavitoek
Putt River Kuparuk River
Kaskovik River

ARIZONA:

Colorado Agua Fria
Gila Salt

CALIFORNIA:

American
Colorado

COLORADO:

Arkansas Colorado
Fountain South Platt

FLORIDA:

Choctawhatchee

GEORGIA:

Chattahoochee

ILLINOIS:

Des Plaines Mississippi
Chicago Sanitary & Ship Canal

INDIANA:

Wabash
Wildcat

KANSAS:

Kansas

LOUISIANA:

Calcaseiu

MAINE:

Androscoggin
Little Androscoggin

MINNESOTA:

Mississippi Diamond

MISSISSIPPI:

Coldwater

MISSOURI:

Mississippi Merrimack
Missouri

MONTANA:

Clark Fork Maris
Missouri Shoshone
Sun Teton
Yellowstone Bitterroot

NEW MEXICO:

Rio Grande

NEVADA:

Colorado Truckee

NORTH DAKOTA

Missouri
Red River of the North

OHIO:

Blanchard Ohio

OKLAHOMA:

Cimarron

PENNSYLVANIA

Delaware Schuylkill

S. CAROLINA:

Ashley

TEXAS:

Brazos Lower Colorado
Sabine

TENNESSEE:

Nonconnah Mississippi

UTAH

Weber

WASHINGTON:

Spokane

WYOMING:

Wind Green
North Platt Shoshone
Popo Agie