

ALASKA DEPARTMENT OF ENVIRONMENTAL CONSERVATION
Division of Spill Prevention and Response
Prevention and Emergency Response Program

SITUATION REPORT

INCIDENT NAME: *F/V Top Notch* Grounding

SITREP #: Sitrep 4 and Final

SPILL NUMBER: 06119927001

LEDGER CODE:

TIME/DATE OF SPILL: 4:30 p.m., September 27, 2006. The spill was reported to ADEC by the Coast Guard at 1:43 p.m., September 28, 2006.

TIME/DATE OF SITUATION REPORT: 3:00 p.m., October 16, 2006

TIME/DATE OF THE NEXT REPORT: This is the final report.

TYPE/AMOUNT OF PRODUCT SPILLED: The amount of fuel discharged is unknown. The owner/operator reported an estimated 400 to 450 gallons of fuel was on-board the vessel at the time of the grounding. He also reported 30 gallons of hydraulic oil and 5 gallons of gasoline on-board the vessel. The vessel's maximum fuel capacity is 1200 gallons.

LOCATION: Nichols Bay, on the south end of Prince of Wales Island, is approximately 50 miles south of Ketchikan, Alaska.

CAUSE OF SPILL: The owner reported that the vessel grounded on the afternoon of September 26, 2006.

POTENTIAL RESPONSIBLE PARTY (PRP): Michael Steele, Thorne Bay.

RESPONSE ACTION: On October 13, 2006, Alaska Commercial Divers (ACD) reported that a total of 225 gallons of diesel fuel and five (5) marine batteries had been recovered. The hydraulic oil and gasoline reported on board the vessel are thought to have been lost to the environment prior to ACD's arrival.

The F/V Top Notch remains hard aground in Nichols Bay.

SOURCE CONTROL: The fuel vents on the vessel were plugged. Removal of fuel and other pollutants has been completed.

RESOURCES AFFECTED: The marine waters and shoreline of Nichols Bay on Prince of Wales Island have been impacted by the discharge of oil from the *F/V Top Notch*. Based on the vessel's location, ADNR & ADF&G have determined that the environmental damage is probably minimal. There have been no reports of impacts to wildlife in the area.

FUTURE PLANS AND RECOMMENDATIONS: ADEC will continue to work with the vessel owner to ensure that the State requirements are met with respect to solid waste disposal on State lands. The US Coast Guard will complete their pollution/casualty investigation.

UNIFIED COMMAND AND PERSONNEL:

Incident Commander:	Michael Steele (PRP)
F.O.S.C.:	Capt Mark Guillory (USCG)
S.O.S.C.:	Bob Mattson (ADEC)
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FOR ADDITIONAL INFORMATION CONTACT:

Bob Fultz, ADEC at 225-6200x1. Photographs and other spill information are available for viewing at <http://www.state.ak.us/dec/spar/perp/index.htm>

AGENCY/STAKEHOLDER NOTIFICATION LIST

This sitrep has been distributed via email to the Governor's office, ADF&G, ADNR, SECC, USEPA, USDOJ, NMFS, USFWS, and USFS in addition to the following.

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