

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

SITUATION REPORT

INCIDENT NAME: F/V Melville Grounding

SITREP #: 1

SPILL NUMBER: 06119927401

LEDGER CODE: Not Requested

TIME/DATE OF SPILL: Approximately 4:05 AM on October 1, 2006. The USCG notified ADEC of the incident at approximately 4:56 AM on October 1, 2006.

TIME/DATE OF SITUATION REPORT: 4:00 PM October 2, 2006

TIME/DATE OF THE NEXT REPORT: As the situation warrants.

TYPE/AMOUNT OF PRODUCT SPILLED: The U.S. Coast Guard (USCG) reports that the vessel was carrying approximately 800 gallons of diesel at the time of the sinking and that approximately one (1) pint of marine diesel is being released per hour from the fuel vent.

LOCATION: Egg Island, Moira Sound, located near the southeast end of Prince of Wales Island, approximately 30 nautical miles southwest of Ketchikan. Latitude 55^o03.51' N, longitude 132^o04.29' W.

CAUSE OF SPILL: The USCG reported that the 58-foot wood hulled fishing vessel ran aground and sank while underway in the early morning hours of October 1, 2006. The USCG is investigating the cause of the grounding.

POTENTIAL RESPONSIBLE PARTY (PRP): Vessel owner and operator Burlin Phillips of Port Angeles, Washington.

RESPONSE ACTION: The two crewmen onboard the vessel at the time of the grounding were picked up by the tug *Coastal Provider* without injury and later transferred to a USCG 47-foot small boat and taken to Ketchikan. No source control actions were taken by the crew prior to abandoning the sinking vessel.

The owner contracted with Alaska Commercial Divers (ACD) to provide for salvage and pollution response. ACD flew to the site and performed an assessment of the vessel on October 1, 2006. ACD reported that the vessel is in approximately 20 feet of water and lying on its starboard side. A small quantity of oil is leaking from the port fuel vent. The vessel owner is coordinating with ACD, the USCG, and ADEC to develop and implement the necessary salvage and pollution response plans. The current focus of the spill response is to remove and salvage the vessel and remove the potential for a more substantial fuel release.

SOURCE CONTROL: None. An initial dive assessment was performed by ACD on October 1st. No plugs or caps were able to be installed on the fuel vents due to underwater safety hazards on the vessel.

RESOURCES AFFECTED: The marine waters on the East side of Egg Island were impacted by diesel oil. There have been no reports of oiled wildlife or shoreline impacts.

FUTURE PLANS AND RECOMMENDATIONS: The owner is working with ACD on implementing the approved salvage plan for refloating the vessel. ACD is planning on departing Ketchikan for the grounding site early on October 3rd. ACD anticipates completing the re-floating operation within 24-hours (by Wednesday morning). Once the vessel is refloated, it will be de-watered, fitted with temporary patching and lifted out of the water onto the salvage barge for transit to Ketchikan.

WEATHER: The on-scene weather is not known. Weather conditions in Ketchikan are clear, approximately 50 degrees, with northwest winds 8-12 knots and choppy seas.

UNIFIED COMMAND AND PERSONNEL:

Incident Commander: Burlin Phillips (PRP)
 F.O.S.C.: Capt. Mark Guillory, USCG Sector Juneau
 S.O.S.C.: Bob Mattson, Southeast Alaska Response Team (SART) Juneau
 Field S.O.S.C.: Bob Fultz, SART Ketchikan

FOR ADDITIONAL INFORMATION CONTACT: Bob Fultz, ADEC at 225-6200X1. Photographs and other spill information when obtained will be available for viewing at <http://www.state.ak.us/dec/spar/perp/index.htm>

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