

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

SITUATION REPORT – POTENTIAL RELEASE

INCIDENT NAME: Cruise Ship Spirit of Glacier Bay Grounding

SITREP #: 1

SPILL NUMBER: 08119918901

LEDGER CODE: Requested

TIME/DATE OF INCIDENT: 7:30 AM on July 7, 2008 The US Coast Guard reported the incident to ADEC at 8:05 AM.

TIME/DATE OF SITUATION REPORT: 3:30 PM on July 7, 2008

TIME/DATE OF THE NEXT REPORT: 2:00 PM on July 8, 2008

TYPE/AMOUNT OF PRODUCT SPILLED: At this time no product has spilled. This incident has a potential release of 4,000 gallons of diesel fuel.

LOCATION: Grand Pacific Glacier, Tarr Inlet, Glacier Bay, Southeast Alaska

CAUSE OF SPILL: Vessel Grounding

POTENTIAL RESPONSIBLE PARTY (PRP): Cruise West

RESPONSE ACTION: The cruise ship Spirit of Glacier Bay grounded on the northern most part of Tarr Inlet near Grand Pacific Glacier in Glacier Bay on the morning of July 7, 2008. There are 24 passengers and 27 crew members on board the vessel.

US Coast Guard Sector Juneau (Sector) reported the grounding to the State at approximately 8:05 am this morning. The Sector also deployed the CGC Liberty and a 47 foot and 25 foot response vessels to the scene. A Coast Guard helicopter conducted an over flight of the grounded vessel and did not note any sheen.

Glacier Bay National Park and Preserve (GBNPP) personnel responded with three small vessels and containment boom. The GBNPP day tour-boat Fairweather II Express also responded to assist with removing passengers. An ebbing tide prevented the Fairweather Express from drawing near enough to remove the passengers.

The potential responsible party (PRP) contracted the O'Briens Group to respond to this grounding. The O'Briens Group subcontracted the Southeast Alaska Petroleum Resource Organization (SEAPRO) to provide spill response equipment and expertise. SEAPRO has requested and been granted permission to utilize state spill response gear, pre-positioned in Glacier Bay, to respond to the grounding.

Sector personnel are on scene and reported that the vessel is hard aground with a 1 degree port list and is 3 degrees down by the bow. At the time of the grounding the vessel was underway at approximately ½ knot. There are no reports of injuries to the passengers or crew. The Sector reports that the vessel's hull does not appear to be breached but an internal examination revealed damage to the shell plating and framing on the vessel. Also, several interior doors can not be shut.

A teleconference with the PRP, ADEC, Sector, SEAPRO and the O'Brien's Group was held at 12:30 PM to discuss the response and future plans.

SOURCE CONTROL: At this time there is no pollution incident.

RESOURCES AFFECTED: This is a potential release; no resources have been affected at this time.

FUTURE PLANS AND RECOMMENDATIONS: Six hundred additional feet of containment boom is to be airlifted from Gustavus to the site of the grounding. When the vessel refloats, which is expected to occur by 4:00 PM today, passengers will be transferred from the vessel. The vessel's propulsion gear will be tested and if operational the vessel will be moved to an alternate location for an underwater examination of the hull. The vessel will be allowed to transit to Bartlett Cove after passing the examination and approval by the Unified Command.

WEATHER: Light winds shifting SE 10 knots with precipitation beginning around 8 PM and continuing into tomorrow morning with wind gusts to 15 and 20 knots.

UNIFIED COMMAND AND PERSONNEL:

Incident Commander: Christine O'Donnell, O'Briens Group

F.O.S.C.: Scott Robert, USCG

S.O.S.C.: Scot Tiernan, ADEC

Field S.O.S.C.: None

FOR ADDITIONAL INFORMATION CONTACT: Scot Tiernan, ADEC SOSOC, at 907-465-5378.

AGENCY/STAKEHOLDER NOTIFICATION LIST

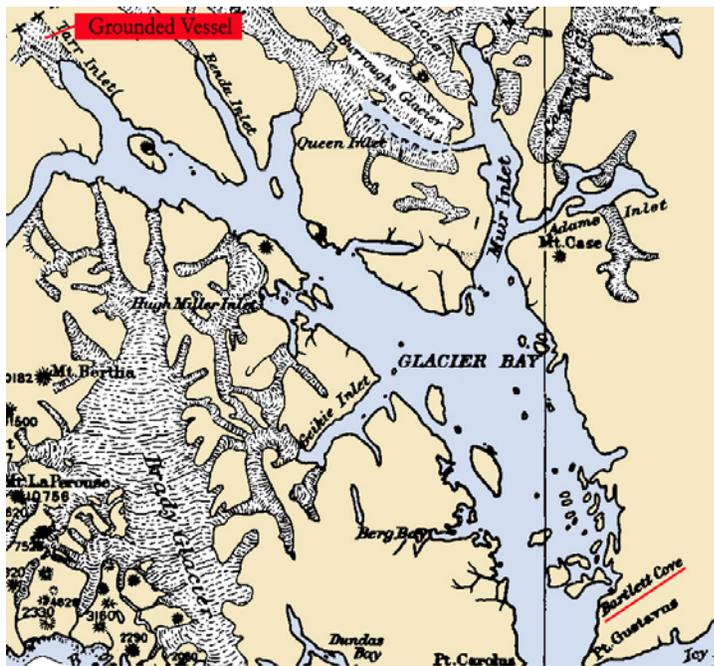
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Cruise ship Spirit of Glacier Bay grounded at Grand Pacific Glacier, in Glacier Bay. Photo by USCG during an over flight. July 7, 2008.



A marine chart indicated the location of the grounded vessel in relation to Bartlett Cove.