

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

SITUATION REPORT
As of 1:00 PM on March 5, 2010

INCIDENT NAME: Princess Kathleen

SITREP #: 2

SPILL NUMBER: 10119904701

LEDGER CODE: 14284160

TIME/DATE OF SPILL: The SS *Princess Kathleen* grounded and sank off Point Lena on September 7, 1952.

TIME/DATE OF SITUATION REPORT: 4:00 PM on March 5, 2010

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

TYPE/AMOUNT OF PRODUCT SPILLED: The total volume of number 6 bunker oil onboard the vessel at the time of sinking is unknown. The volume of bunker and other oils that remains on the ship is currently unknown.

LOCATION: Point Lena, Favorite Channel, north of Juneau, Alaska.

CAUSE OF SPILL: The vessel grounded on Point Lena and suffered damage to the forward-most section of the bow. As the tide came back in, the vessel flooded from the stern and slid off the point. The vessel now sits at an angle on its port side at a depth ranging from 52 feet at the bow to 134 feet at the stern. Recently, increases in the frequency of sheen being reported the area were investigated and traced to the Princess Kathleen, possibly indicating a change in the vessel's condition.

POTENTIAL RESPONSIBLE PARTY (PRP): Undetermined

RESPONSE ACTION: On March 3, 2010, Alaska Department of Environmental Conservation (ADEC), United States Coast Guard (USCG), US Fish and Wildlife Service (USFW) and Alaska Department of Fish and Game (ADFG) conducted assessments of the coast north of Lena Point to catalog all critical habitat areas and decide on locations for the pre-placement of response equipment containers.

On March 4, 2010, Southeast Alaska Lighterage began installing a four-point anchor system at Point Lena in preparation for upcoming dive operations. Global Offshore Divers and equipment have arrived in Juneau and are conducting dive preparations.

The Unified Command, comprised of the ADEC and the USCG, hosted an open house on March 4, 2010 at the Mendenhall Glacier Visitor Center. Representatives from ADEC, USCG and Global Offshore Divers were on hand to discuss the history of the Princess Kathleen and the upcoming plans for Phase II Assessment of the vessel. ADFG, USFWS, and DNR representatives were also in attendance to answer questions about possible impacts to resources. Approximately 120 citizens attended the event.

On March 5, the Unified Command signed an Incident Action Plan that will allow for the start of the Phase II Assessment. The Phase II Assessment will seek to determine integrity of the fuel tanks and a volume of fuel remaining on the vessel.

SOURCE CONTROL: None at this time.

RESOURCES AFFECTED: There have been no reports of recent impacts to wildlife or the shoreline.

FUTURE PLANS AND RECOMMENDATIONS: Dive operations are scheduled to begin over the weekend and are planned to take approximately a week to complete. The operation's schedule is tentative and may change due to weather delays.

WEATHER: Today: Snow in the morning becoming rain in the afternoon. Winds from the southeast at 15 mph increasing to 20 to 30 mph with gusts to 45 mph. Tomorrow: Rains and snow with accumulations up to 2 inches. South winds at 20 to 30 mph with gust up to 40 mph.

UNIFIED COMMAND AND PERSONNEL:

Incident Commander:
F.O.S.C. : Capt. Melissa Bert, USCG
S.O.S.C. : Scot W. Tiernan, ADEC

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Photographs and other spill information are available for viewing on the Unified Command website:
www.dec.state.ak.us/spar/princesskathleen

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ADEC and USCG interacting with the public at *Princess Kathleen* open house.



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