

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

SITUATION REPORT

INCIDENT NAME: *F/V Kepala* Fire

SITREP #: 1 and Final

SPILL NUMBER: 07229925401

LEDGER CODE: Not requested

TIME/DATE OF SPILL: At approximately 12:30 pm on September 11, 2007, the *F/V Kepala* operator reported to the U.S. Coast Guard (USCG) that the vessel had caught fire and the crew was abandoning ship at Black Point near Tatitlek Narrows, Prince William Sound.

The USCG reported the incident to ADEC at 1:50 pm on September 11, 2007.

TIME/DATE OF SITUATION REPORT: 3:00 pm September 12, 2007

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

TYPE/AMOUNT OF PRODUCT SPILLED: The vessel operator reported that the *F/V Kepala* had approximately 400 gallons of diesel on board and a tank containing 250 gallons of gasoline on the stern. It appears that all of the gasoline and nearly all of the diesel were consumed in the fire. A USCG over flight did not find any sheening around the vessel or in the vicinity.

LOCATION: The vessel caught fire near Black Point at the north end of the Tatitlek Narrows in Prince William Sound. As the fire died down, the remaining portion of the hull drifted to the southeast and ran aground on the beach as the tide went out.

CAUSE OF SPILL: The cause of the fire is under investigation by the USCG, but was reported to have started in the stack.

POTENTIAL RESPONSIBLE PARTY (PRP): Mr. Wendall L. Jones, of Cordova, AK

RESPONSE ACTION: The USCG had a small boat on-scene monitoring the situation until late evening on September 11. This boat will return later in the day on September 12. The USCG also performed a helicopter over flight on the evening of September 11.

The *F/V Kepala*, a 50-foot long fiberglass hull fishing vessel, had a total fuel storage capacity of 1400 gallons. The fire consumed the vessel to the waterline. No immediate spill response actions were taken or appeared warranted during the fire.

SOURCE CONTROL: It is presumed that the majority of the fuel on board the vessel was consumed in the fire. Any remaining fuel will be lightered.

RESOURCES AFFECTED: There have been no reports of impacts to any fish or wildlife.

FUTURE PLANS AND RECOMMENDATIONS: The USCG and ADEC will continue to monitor the area and the remains of the vessel will be assessed for residual fuel. As soon as the hull has cooled, the USCG plans to board the vessel and determine if any fuel remains on board. Any remaining fuel will be lightered. A salvage plan will be drafted by the owner and submitted to the USCG.

WEATHER: On September 11, partly cloudy with some sun, light winds, and calm seas. On September 12, overcast with patches of fog and rain, light winds.

UNIFIED COMMAND AND PERSONNEL:

Incident Commander: Wendall Jones, PRP
F.O.S.C. : CDR Verne Gifford (USCG, MSO-Valdez)
S.O.S.C. : Gary Folley (ADEC)
Field S.O.S.C.: John Engles (ADEC)

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