

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

SITUATION REPORT

INCIDENT NAME: F/V *Patty J* Grounding

SITREP #: 4

SPILL NUMBER: 09119922001

LEDGER CODE: 14276660

TIME/DATE OF SPILL: 4:30 AM on August 8, 2009. The grounding was reported to ADEC at 7:00 AM on August 8, 2009 by the U.S. Coast Guard (USCG).

TIME/DATE OF SITUATION REPORT: 3:00 PM on August 31, 2009

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

TYPE/AMOUNT OF PRODUCT SPILLED: The F/V *Patty J*, a 58-foot wooden vessel, is reported to have contained approximately 700 gallons of diesel fuel, a 30-gallon tank of hydraulic oil, and an unknown volume of lube oil when it grounded.

LOCATION: Square Cove in Chatham Strait, Alaska.

CAUSE OF SPILL: The F/V *Patty J* grounded on a charted reef along Chatham Strait near Square Cove. The five crew members from the F/V *Patty J* were taken onboard by a nearby Good Samaritan vessel.

POTENTIAL RESPONSIBLE PARTY (PRP): Dontos Enterprises, Inc.

RESPONSE ACTION: Southeast Alaska Lighterage (SEAL) submitted salvage and site safety plans for the F/V *Patty J*, outlining the process for vessel dismantling, to State and Federal entities for approval. On August 27, 2009, the USFS issued a permit for vessel dismantling operations on wilderness land. The permit allows these activities for a maximum of three weeks and does not cover burning of the vessel on USFS land. On August 28, 2009, ADNR issued a letter of non-objection for the use of state tidelands in Square Cove between September 1 and 31. In the letter, ADNR requests that SEAL take before and after photos of the dismantling site and submit a completion report by October 15, 2009.

SOURCE CONTROL: On August 10, 2009, SEAL removed approximately 800 gallons of diesel fuel and water from the vessel and secured the fuel vents with Splash Zone (underwater epoxy). All diesel fuel is believed to have been removed from the F/V *Patty J*. An estimated 30 gallons of hydraulic oil and an unknown quantity of lube oil are believed to be in the vessel's engine room, which is inaccessible due to safety concerns.

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

FUTURE PLANS AND RECOMMENDATIONS: SEAL is planning on towing the vessel to Square Cove after September 4, 2009, when tides are no longer diminishing. The dismantling of the vessel will take place shortly afterwards.

WEATHER: North winds at 10 knots shifting to south in the afternoon, seas two feet or less, winds shifting to northwest tonight, areas of fog present throughout the area.

UNIFIED COMMAND AND PERSONNEL:

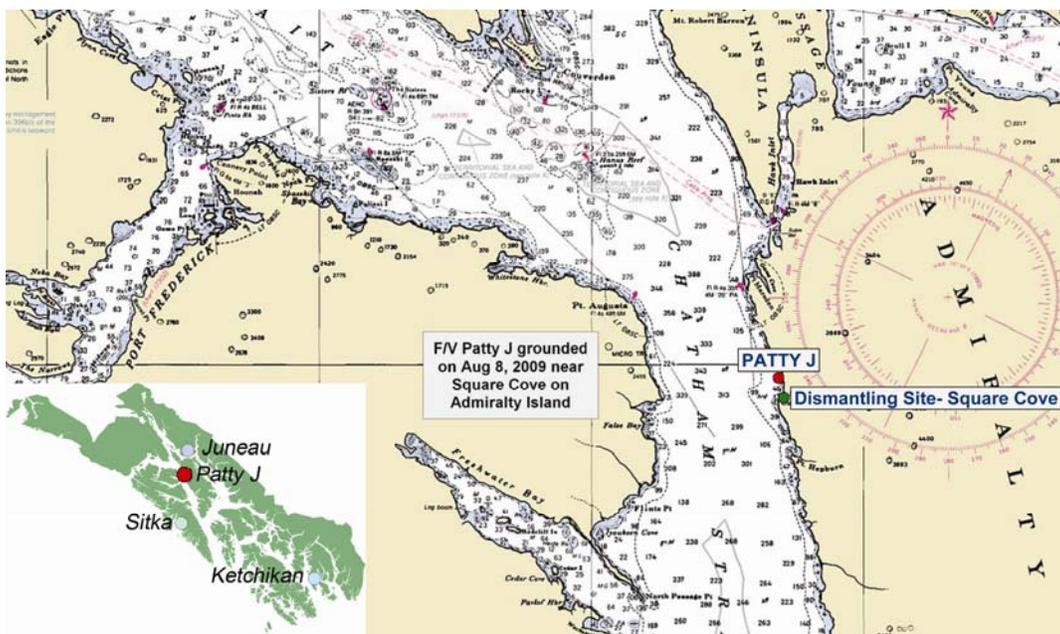
Incident Commander:	Philip McCrudden, Meredith Management Group
F.O.S.C.:	Capt. Mellissa Bert, USCG
S.O.S.C.:	Scot W. Tiernan, ADEC

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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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Map of dismantling site for the *F/V Patty J*.