

**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 #:** 7 and Final

**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:** 1:00 PM on September 24, 2009

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

**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:** Near 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. The PRP is being represented by Meredith Management Group, Inc. (MMG) who was hired by the insurance company providing pollution coverage to Dontos Enterprises, Inc.

**RESPONSE ACTION:** Once the F/V *Patty J* was secured above the high tide line in Square Cove on September 7, Southeast Alaska Lighterage (SEAL) separated the burnable material from the non-burnable material. An additional 10 gallons of diesel, 10 gallons of hydraulic oil from the 30-gallon tank, 45 gallons of lube oil in buckets, 15 gallons of antifreeze and 3 gallons of paint and paint thinner were recovered from the vessel during dismantling. Over the course of three days the burnable material was disposed of on site. The non-burnable material, petroleum products and hazardous materials were hauled back to Juneau on the landing craft Poundstone on September 16, 2009 for disposal.

The fishing net which was anchored at the grounding site with a 500lb weight on September 7 was reported to have come loose and floated free during the night of September 7. The USCG and Alaska Department of Fish and Game (ADFG) issued warnings to mariners and requested information on sightings from vessels. A National Oceanic and Atmospheric Administration (NOAA) enforcement vessel found the net near Rocky Island and Point Couverden on September 13, 2009 and witnessed a non-lethal sea lion entanglement. On September 14, 2009 the net was recovered by the F/V *Vagabond*; some coral and several small rock fish were found in the net when it was retrieved.

Representatives from ADEC, ADFG, USCG and MMG completed a final site visit on September 17 to confirm that all pollution had been mitigated. All agencies present during the September 17 site visit are satisfied with the cleanup. The U. S. Forest Service (USFS) met with SEAL on Monday, September 20, to discuss the cleanup operation. Based on that meeting the USFS was satisfied that the cleanup was properly done and they will not conduct a site visit at this time.

A final meeting was held on September 23, with representatives from ADEC, MMG, the USCG and SEAL to discuss the response, dismantling of the vessel and cleanup of the shoreline.

**SOURCE CONTROL:** On August 10, SEAL removed approximately 800 gallons of diesel fuel and water from the vessel and secured the fuel vents with Splash Zone (underwater epoxy). An additional 65 gallons of petroleum products and 18 gallons of hazardous material were removed from the vessel during dismantling operations over the week of September 7.

**RESOURCES AFFECTED:** Oil was discharged onto the marine waters in the vicinity of Square Cove. There were no reports of impacts to wildlife or the shoreline as a result of the vessel grounding. A NOAA enforcement officer reported a non-lethal Steller Sea Lion entanglement with the fishing net to the Department; the Steller Sea Lion was observed freeing itself from the net.

**FUTURE PLANS AND RECOMMENDATIONS:** The US Coast Guard will complete their casualty investigation.

**WEATHER:** N/A

**UNIFIED COMMAND AND PERSONNEL:**

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

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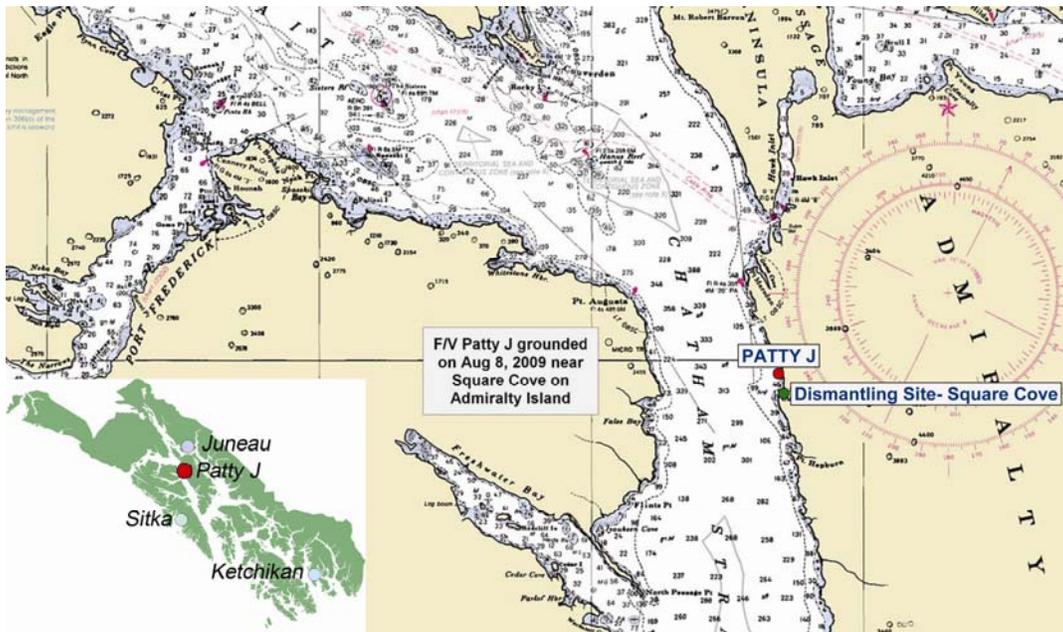
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Top Left: *Patty J* secured at high tide line in Square Cove; Top Right: Disposing of burnable materials; Bottom Left: Debris remaining following first burn; Bottom Right: Beach at completion of F/V *Patty J* dismantling.



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