



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

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## **F/V Savannah Ray Grounding**



**SITREP #:** 2

**SPILL #:** 15249904701

**TIME/DATE OF DISTRIBUTION:** 2:00 p.m. February 24, 2015

**POTENTIAL RESPONSIBLE PARTY (PRP):** Mystic Blue LLC

**INCIDENT LOCATION:** Long Island approximately 5 miles southeast of Kodiak

**TIME/DATE OF SPILL:** The fishing vessel *Savannah Ray* grounded approximately 3:00 a.m. on February 16, 2015.

**HOW/WHEN SPILL WAS DISCOVERED:** The vessel ran aground near Long Island. The vessel grounding was reported to the U.S. Coast Guard at approximately 3:00 a.m. on February 16, 2015 by the vessel crew and the Coast Guard notified ADEC at 10:00 a.m. on the same day.

**TYPE/AMOUNT OF PRODUCT SPILLED:** Minor sheen was observed in the vicinity of the *Savannah Ray* yesterday during defueling operations. The owner of the *Savannah Ray* estimates approximately 3,000 gallons of diesel fuel, 300 gallons of hydraulic oil, and 75 gallons of lube oil were onboard the vessel when it grounded. At least one tank containing fuel has been compromised. About 200 gallons of diesel fuel was estimated to have been in the compromised tank.

**CAUSE OF SPILL:** The 81-foot steel-hulled fishing vessel was returning to Kodiak with approximately 25,000 pounds of cod when it ran aground. The cause of the grounding is unknown at this time and is being investigated by the Coast Guard and ADEC.

**SOURCE CONTROL:** Global Diving & Salvage, Inc. implemented their ADEC and Coast Guard approved defueling plan on February 23, 2015 and removed an estimated 2,300 gallons of diesel fuel from the 3 aft tanks. These tanks were found to be intact. Coast Guard personnel conducted a shoreline assessment during the defueling operations and observed no shoreline impact.

**RESPONSE ACTION:** There were four crew members on board the *Savannah Ray* at the time of grounding. The Coast Guard deployed a MH-60 Jayhawk helicopter early yesterday morning and successfully removed all crew members on board. The Coast Guard and PRP representative conducted an overflight during the daylight yesterday and observed no evidence of fuel or oil leaking from the grounded vessel. The Coast Guard conducted another overflight today and reported no visible pollution and the vessel remained intact. A defueling plan was implemented on February 23, 2015. Approximately 2,300 gallons of diesel fuel has been removed from the vessel. A PRP representative is currently developing an RFP for hull and wreck removal.

**RESOURCES AFFECTED:** There have been no reports of impacted fish or wildlife in the area. Western Distinct Population Segment (DPS) of Steller sea lions (Endangered Species Act-listed as endangered), southwest DPS of Northern sea otters (ESA-listed as threatened), and Steller's eiders (ESA-listed as threatened) may be present in the area. This area is also designated Steller sea lion Critical Habitat and sea otter Critical Habitat. Other ESA-listed species in the area may include humpback, North Pacific right, and sperm whales. There is a Steller sea lion haul out on the northeastern tip of Helen Bay. Harbor seals are likely present. **A harbor seal was observed in the vicinity of the defueling operation on February 23, 2015. It swam off unaffected.**

Chiniak Bay is a winter concentration area for waterfowl and seabirds. Shorebirds are likely present. Bald eagles are present year-round.

Wild stocks of anadromous salmon are major components to the marine ecosystems of Kodiak Island. All five salmon species are present. Juvenile salmon can be present throughout the area and tend to concentrate in shallow, near shore habitats.

**FUTURE PLANS AND RECOMMENDATIONS:** **The ability to safely conduct pollution mitigation operations and the need for further pollution mitigation will be evaluated over the next two weeks as weather and tides permit. The PRP's representatives will submit plans for hull and wreck removal to the Unified Command in the near future. The Coast Guard and ADEC, in addition to other Federal and State agencies, will continue to work with the PRP's representatives to develop and implement plans to address pollution mitigation and hull and wreck removal.**

**Weather:** **Currently variable winds less than 10 knots becoming east 20 knots in the afternoon; seas building to 4 feet. Tomorrow: North winds to 25 knots diminishing to 15 knots in the afternoon; seas 6 feet.**

**UNIFIED COMMAND AND PERSONNEL:**

Incident Commander: Mike Shupe, Mystic Blue LLC

SOSC: Steve Russell, ADEC

FOSC: Captain Paul Mehler III

FOSCR: **Chief Bryce Yturbe**

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

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Incident location map with a picture of the grounded vessel during defueling efforts, February 24, 2015. (Photo/U.S. Coast Guard).

**AGENCY/STAKEHOLDER NOTIFICATION LIST:** This situation report was distributed to the agencies listed on the standard distribution list, which includes the governor’s office, State Emergency Operations Center, U.S. Department of the Interior, National Marine Fisheries Service, U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service, and other state agencies. This situation report was also distributed to the following agencies and stakeholders:

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