



**ALASKA DEPARTMENT OF ENVIRONMENTAL CONSERVATION**  
**Division of Spill Prevention and Response**  
**Prevention Preparedness and Response Program**  
***SITUATION REPORT (SITREP)***



## ***F/V Masonic Grounding Spanish Islands***

**SITREP #:** 1

**SPILL #:** 19119912701

**TIME/DATE OF DISTRIBUTION:** 2:00 p.m. on May 8, 2019.

**POTENTIAL RESPONSIBLE PARTY (PRP):** William Lewis

**INCIDENT LOCATION:** Approximately 24 nautical miles southeast of Port Alexander in the Spanish Islands at 55°97.0279'N, 134°12.3056'W.

**TIME/DATE OF INCIDENT:** 2:00 a.m. on May 7, 2019.

**HOW/WHEN INCIDENT WAS DISCOVERED AND REPORTED:** The United States Coast Guard (USCG) was notified by the potential responsible party (PRP) after the vessel grounded early Tuesday morning.

**TYPE/AMOUNT OF POTENTIAL PRODUCT SPILLED:** The PRP estimates that there is 2,000 gallons of diesel and 150 gallons of lubricant oils onboard. At this time there is potential for a spill and there have been no reports of observed discharges.

**CAUSE OF INCIDENT:** The cause of the grounding is unknown at this time.

**SOURCE CONTROL:** No release has occurred and source control has not been achieved at this time.

**RESPONSE ACTION:** An overflight conducted by the USCG Air Station Sitka yesterday afternoon provided photos depicting the placement of the vessel. No discharge was observed. On May 7<sup>th</sup>, 2019 Hanson Maritime sent out a forward team to secure pollutants and assess the condition of the vessel. Fuel vents have been plugged.

**RESOURCES AT RISK OR AFFECTED:** The Spanish Islands are within the Tongass National Forest Wilderness Area and are managed by the United States Forest Service (USFS). Marine mammals, including humpback whales, sea otters, Steller sea lions (listed and non-listed), Dall's porpoises, harbor porpoises, gray whales, Orcas, and minke whales may occur in this area. Harbor seals and their pups are of concern, as they are known to reside in this general area. This area is within the Outer Islands Marine Important Bird Area for the Rhinoceros Auklet. Pelagic Cormorants, Harlequin ducks, and other waterfowl and seabirds are also known to occupy this area. This area is an Essential Fish Habitat (EFH) for three Skate species, Alaska plaice, Arrowtooth Flounder, Atka mackerel, sculpin, several Rockfish and sole stocks, Kamchatka flounder, Octopus, Pacific Cod, Pacific Ocean Perch, Pollock, Sablefish, and all five species of Pacific Salmon. No impacts to wildlife have been observed.

**FUTURE PLANS AND RECOMMENDATIONS:** A Unified Command has been established between ADEC, USCG, and the Responsible Party. The UC is currently assessing options for lightering oils from the vessel and considering salvage of the vessel.

**WEATHER:** Tonight: SW wind 5 to 7 knots. SW swell 3 feet. Wave height 4 feet. Tomorrow: SW 5 to 7 knots. SW swell 4 feet. Wave Height 4 feet. Friday: NW wind 15 knots. Seas 7 feet.

**UNIFIED COMMAND AND PERSONNEL:**

Incident Commander: Greg LeBeau, Witt O'Briens  
 SOSOC: David Pikul, ADEC  
 FOSC: MST1 Ken Farah, USCG

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

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The 62 foot vessel, F/V *Masonic*, aground off the Spanish Islands. May 7, 2019. Photo Credit: USCG Air Station Sitka.



Port side view of the F/V *Masonic* aground on the exposed shoreline of the Spanish Islands. May 7, 2019. Photo Credit: *USCG Air Station Sitka*.



The F/V *Masonic* was grounded on the Spanish Islands approximately 80 miles south of Sitka in Southeast Alaska. May 8, 2019. Map Credit: *ESRI*.