



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

F/V Pacific Knight Sinking

SITREP #: 1

SPILL #: 18269920601

TIME/DATE OF DISTRIBUTION: July 26, 2018 @ 4:00 pm

POTENTIAL RESPONSIBLE PARTY (PRP): Lone Fisherman, Inc.

INCIDENT LOCATION: The *F/V Pacific Knight* sank at position 58° 51.626' N 158° 32.070' W, just north of Clark's Point, approximately 11 nautical miles south of Dillingham.

TIME/DATE OF SPILL: July 25, 2018 @ 11:15 am

HOW/WHEN SPILL WAS DISCOVERED AND REPORTED: Coast Guard Sector Anchorage watch standers received a report on the morning of July 25, 2018 from the crew of the *F/V Bella Catherine* that a vessel had capsized near Clark's Point with three persons on board. Reports of sheen were received by the Alaska Department of Fish and Game (ADF&G) Area Management Biologist in Dillingham early in the morning on July 26, 2018.

TYPE/AMOUNT OF PRODUCT SPILLED: An estimated 800 gallons of diesel and 300 gallons of hydraulic fluid was on board when the vessel sank. At this time it is unknown how much has spilled.

CAUSE OF SPILL: The vessel capsized. What caused the vessel to capsize is still under investigation.

SOURCE CONTROL: None at this time. A sheen is emanating from the sunken vessel.

RESPONSE ACTION: The USCG launched a search and rescue helicopter. The crew of the *F/V Amanda C* rescued two people from the water. An exhaustive search was pursued for the third person. The search for the third person has been suspended. The vessel owner is working with the Coast Guard and has hired Resolve Marine as their contractor. Resolve Marine is transiting on the *F/V Olivia M* to Wood River Dock Dillingham and will then depart to the vessel. A dive team departed from Anchorage at 11:00 am and is scheduled to arrive in Dillingham at 1:30 pm.

RESOURCES AT RISK OR AFFECTED: On July 26, 2018 at 9:00 am ADF&G issued an Emergency Order and reported fuel is spilling from the tender. It told fisherman to avoid the area. An Emergency Order Closure of the whole Nushagak District came out at noon. It was effective at 1:00 pm on July 26, 2018. At this time of year, Nushagak Bay supports all five species of Pacific salmon, several commercially important ground fish species, marine mammals, seabirds, shorebirds, waterfowl, and eagles. Endangered Species Act (ESA)-listed species that may be present include the Western Distinct Population Segment (DPS) Steller sea lions (endangered), Western North Pacific DPS humpback whales (endangered), and Mexico DPS humpback whales (threatened). Other marine mammals in the area include beluga whales, killer whales, gray whales, Hawaii DPS humpback whales,



Pacific walrus, and harbor seals. Several of these species will be following adult salmon migrating through the area to feed on them. The shorelines west of Nushagak Bay are part of the Togiak National Wildlife Refuge.

FUTURE PLANS AND RECOMMENDATIONS: The dive team is scheduled to dive on the *F/V Pacific Knight* during slack tide at 9:30 pm on July 26, 2018. Further information will be provided when the dive team and Resolve Marine arrive at the vessel and conduct their initial assessment.

WEATHER: Temperature 59°F, showers, cloudy, visibility 10 miles, winds SE 20-30 mph, seas 3 feet.
Tonight: Low of 51°F, 70% precipitation, winds SE at 10-20 mph.
Friday: 56°F, SE winds 20 knots, and seas 4 feet.

UNIFIED COMMAND AND PERSONNEL:

Incident Commander: Jeb Phillips, Lone Fisherman Inc.
FOSC: Sean MacKenzie, USCG
SOSC: Geoff Merrell, ADEC

TIME/DATE OF THE NEXT REPORT DISTRIBUTION:

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Yellow pin shows the location of the sinking.



Photograph from Tim Sands of ADF&G of sheen emanating on July 26, 2018 from the sunken *F/V Pacific Knight*.

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