



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

Tug Powhatan Sinking

SITREP #: 1

SPILL #: 17119910901

TIME/DATE OF DISTRIBUTION: 2:30 p.m. April 21, 2017

POTENTIAL RESPONSIBLE PARTY (PRP): Samson Tug & Barge

INCIDENT LOCATION: The Tug *Powhatan* sank at the Samson Tug & Barge (Samson) dock and moved 330 meters to the Northwest in Starrigavan Bay, approximately 7 miles north of Sitka. Moving from an initial depth of 15 meters to its current depth of approximately 60 meters.

TIME/DATE OF SPILL: April 19, 2017 at approximately 10:15 p.m.

HOW/WHEN SPILL WAS DISCOVERED AND REPORTED: The United States Coast Guard (USCG) Marine Safety Detachment Sitka reported the sinking through the National Response Center on April 19, 2017 at 10:15 p.m.

TYPE/AMOUNT OF PRODUCT SPILLED: Samson estimates there is approximately 325 gallons of lube oil, 12 gallons of diesel, and possible sludge in the bottom of the main tanks. Released amount of oil is unknown.

CAUSE OF SPILL: The vessel sank at the dock, the cause for the sinking is currently being investigated.

SOURCE CONTROL: Both containment and sorbent booms have been deployed in the vicinity of the vessel and at the Samson dock.

RESPONSE ACTION: The initial response actions were based on the vessels immediate resting location under the dock in approximately 15 meters of water. Boom was deployed to contain surfacing oil released from the vessel. Hanson Maritime Company (Hanson), has completed dives on the vessel confirming its initial location. Hanson reported that vessel had shifted downslope approximately 330 meters offshore resting at its current position in approximately 60 meters of water. Southeast Petroleum Response Organization (SEAPRO) is on scene to maintain boom, recover oil, and conduct shoreline assessment. Boom has been expanded to encompass the vessels new resting position. On scene responders are monitoring for potential impacts to wildlife. ADEC has one responder on scene joining the USCG, Samson, and SEAPRO responders.

RESOURCES AT RISK OR AFFECTED: Herring larvae recently emerged from the last spawning event and may be in the surface water in the vicinity of the sinking and salmon fry are migrating from nearby streams and are known to use the shoreline in the area regularly. There is the potential for exposure to marine wildlife (i.e. sea otters and birds) but there have been no reports of impacts to, or observations of, any in the immediate area. ADF&G has provided recommended priorities for protection.



FUTURE PLANS AND RECOMMENDATIONS: USCG and ADEC personnel are on scene and continue to monitor the situation. An underwater camera will be utilized to confirm the vessels location and monitor petroleum discharges. SEAPRO will continue shoreline assessment and boom management. The national weather service incident meteorologist will continue to provide weather updates. The response team will continue to monitor for impacts to fish and wildlife.

WEATHER: The weather report for Friday: 30 % chance of scattered rain showers, high near 47°F, seas at 12 ft., and East winds around 25 kt. Saturday: 10% chance of scattered showers, high around 50°F, with East winds switching to Northeast 15-20 kt. and seas at 10 ft. Sunday: Southeast winds 25 kt. with 10 ft. seas.

UNIFIED COMMAND AND PERSONNEL:

Incident Commander: George Baggen, Samson Tug & Barge

SOSC: Bob Mattson, ADEC

SOSCR: Krista Garrett, ADEC

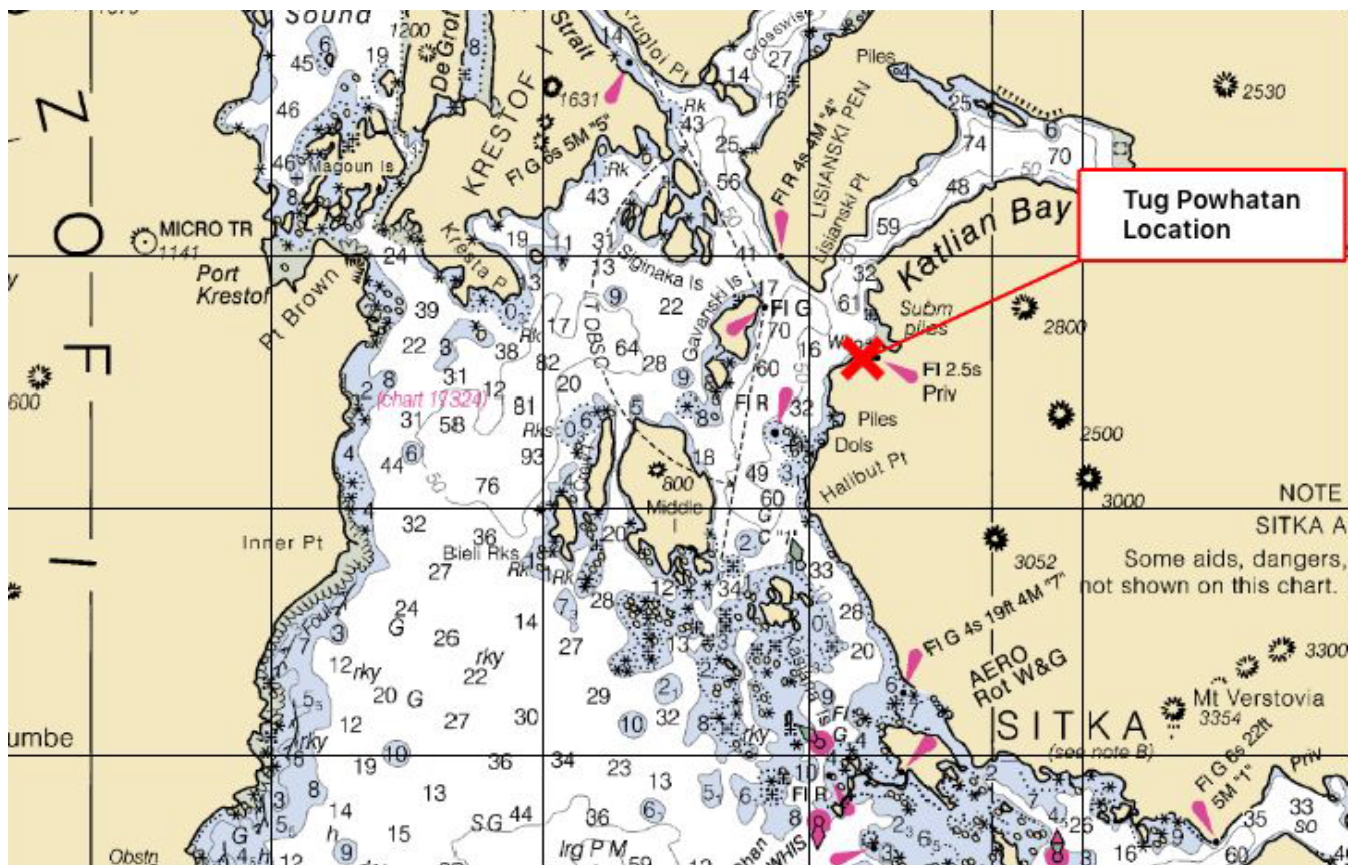
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TIME/DATE OF THE NEXT REPORT DISTRIBUTION: As situation requires.

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http://dec.alaska.gov/spar/ppr/response/sr_active.htm



Map provided by NOAA



Booming of Tug Powhatan (photo courtesy of SEAPRO)

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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