



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



## **M/V Whimsea Sinking Statter Hbr**

**SITREP #:** 1

**SPILL #:** 17119917801

**TIME/DATE OF DISTRIBUTION:** 5:45 p.m. June 27, 2017

**POTENTIAL RESPONSIBLE PARTY (PRP):** Gary Wilkins

**INCIDENT LOCATION:** Statter Harbor in Auke Bay

**TIME/DATE OF SPILL:** 1:00 a.m. June 27, 2017

**HOW/WHEN SPILL WAS DISCOVERED AND REPORTED:** The Juneau Docks and Harbor Department reported the incident to the National Response Center at 1:46 a.m. June 27, 2017.

**TYPE/AMOUNT OF PRODUCT SPILLED:** The type and amount of product onboard the vessel at the time of the sinking is unknown.

**CAUSE OF SPILL:** The M/V *Whimsea* caught on fire and subsequently sank. The cause of the fire is unknown.

**SOURCE CONTROL:** Source control has not been achieved at this time.

**RESPONSE ACTION:** Alaska Department of Environmental Conservation (ADEC) and the U.S. Coast Guard (USCG) have initiated a Unified Command. Containment boom has been placed around the area where the vessel sank and absorbent sweep has been deployed. Global Diving & Salvage, Inc. (Global) has been retained by the USCG for spill response, debris removal, and boom management. Global has begun removal of floating oiled debris.

**RESOURCES AT RISK OR AFFECTED:** Statter Harbor is used for recreational and commercial purposes. The Unified Command will be working with other natural resource trustee agencies to assess any potential hazards to wildlife and the environment.

**FUTURE PLANS AND RECOMMENDATIONS:** The primary objective at this time is removal of floating oiled debris and containment of oil on the water surface. Global is expected to conduct a dive on Wednesday to assess the vessel condition.

**WEATHER:** The National Weather Service Forecast for Auke Bay calls for scattered showers, seas of 1 ft or less, and variable winds around 5 kts for Tuesday night and Wednesday.

**UNIFIED COMMAND AND PERSONNEL:**

SOSCR: David Pikul, ADEC

FOSCR: Lewis Beck, USCG

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

**FOR ADDITIONAL INFORMATION CONTACT:** David Pikul, Southeast Region Unit Supervisor,  
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Containment boom and absorbent sweep deployed in the area where the M/V *Whimsea* sank (Photo credit: ADEC; June 27, 2017).

**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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