

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

SITUATION REPORT

INCIDENT NAME: FV Orcrist

SITREP #: 1

SPILL NUMBER: 03229923801

LEDGER CODE: Not requested at this time

TIME/DATE OF SPILL: The sinking was reported to U.S. Coast Marine Safety Office Valdez at 1:48 p.m. on August 26, 2003 by the Lake Bay Hatchery. The Coast Guard reported the spill to ADEC at 2:30 p.m. on August 26, 2003.

TIME/DATE OF SITUATION REPORT: 9:00 a.m., August 27, 2003

TIME/DATE OF THE NEXT REPORT: 12:00 p.m., August 28, 2003

TYPE/AMOUNT OF PRODUCT SPILLED: The vessel owner has reported to the Coast Guard that an estimated 250 to 300 gallons of diesel was on board the vessel at the time of the sinking. Reports from an afternoon over flight on August 26, 2003 indicated that the fuel release is slow but constant. The sheen was contained within a small cove.

LOCATION: Lake Bay, Ester Island, Prince William Sound, Latitude 60.47.714N, Longitude 148.04.976 W

CAUSE OF SPILL: The cause of the sinking is under investigation by U.S. Coast Guard Marine Safety Office, Valdez. It has been reported that the vessel sank in approximately 30 feet of water.

The F/V Orcrist is a 42 foot, 42 gross ton steel fishing vessel.

POTENTIAL RESPONSIBLE PARTY (PRP): Mr. Zachary Williams

RESPONSE ACTION: The vessel operator reported to the Coast Guard that he was able to dive on the vessel and plug the fuel vents. Hard boom and absorbent sausage boom have been deployed to help contain any fuel or engine oil coming from the vessel.

ADEC has activated 1 field responder to complete an over flight on a Coast Guard helicopter to assess the situation. Additional response equipment may be available from the Lake Bay Hatchery, which is in close proximity to the vessel sinking.

SOURCE CONTROL: The operator of the vessel has advised the Coast Guard that he was able to plug the vessel fuel vents after the sinking.

RESOURCES AFFECTED: Marine waters and the rock shores of Lake Bay. Wildlife has been reported to have been observed within the vicinity of the spill. Salmon and sea gulls were observed. No oiled wildlife has been reported.

FUTURE PLANS AND RECOMMENDATIONS: Continue to maintain boom and source control. ADEC staff will continue to work with the U.S. Coast Guard to monitor efforts to remove or re-float the vessel.

WEATHER: Light winds, overcast, 49 degrees F.

UNIFIED COMMAND AND PERSONNEL:

Incident Commander:	Commander Mark Swanson, US. Coast Guard
F.O.S.C.:	Commander Mark Swanson, US. Coast Guard
S.O.S.C.:	John Brown, ADEC
Field S.O.S.C.:	John Engles, ADEC

FOR ADDITIONAL INFORMATION CONTACT: John Brown, SOSC, 269-7688.

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F/V Orcrest stern visible inside loop of orange boom. Lake Bay Hatchery is in the upper left of the photo. (ADEC photo)