

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

SITUATION REPORT

INCIDENT NAME: REEL TIME Sinking, Juneau

SITREP #: 1 and Final

SPILL NUMBER: 03119924801

LEDGER CODE: Not requested

TIME/DATE OF SPILL: 8:15 p.m., September 5, 2003

TIME/DATE OF SITUATION REPORT: 10:15 a.m., September 10, 2003

TIME/DATE OF THE NEXT REPORT: This is the final report.

TYPE/AMOUNT OF PRODUCT SPILLED: Potential for 270 gallons of diesel, gasoline, and lube oils

LOCATION: Outside of the floating breakwater, Auke Bay Boat Harbor, Juneau, Alaska

CAUSE OF SPILL: The 38 foot aluminum charter boat was returning to Auke Bay Boat Harbor, missed the entrance by an estimated 90 feet, and ran into the floating breakwater at high rate of speed. The grounding resulted in an estimated 5 foot long gash to the boat bow and sinking it. Two passengers on board the vessel were injured as a result of the grounding. The boat sank in more than 120 feet of water.

POTENTIAL RESPONSIBLE PARTY (PRP): James Backer, Owner/Operator

RESPONSE ACTION: Divers were contracted to seal all fuel vents and provide an assessment of damage and the possibility of refloating the boat. Minimal amounts of a petroleum product were observed being lost from the boat before and after the fuel vents were sealed. One drop of oil was observed to be surfacing approximately every 20 seconds and immediately dissipating. This type of oil was unrecoverable.

Efforts to raise the vessel were started on the afternoon of September 9, 2003. The boat was raised to the surface and moved to a beach area later that evening. Water was pumped from the vessel and temporary repairs were made to the gash in the bow on the morning of September 10, 2003.

SOURCE CONTROL: All fuel vents are sealed. Sealing of the engine compartment and the gasoline "jump tank" was not possible. All fuel will be removed from the boat immediately after temporary patch work is completed.

RESOURCES AFFECTED: Waters of Auke Bay, Juneau, Alaska

FUTURE PLANS AND RECOMMENDATIONS: Once temporary repairs are completed and the fuels removed, the boat will be towed to a location near downtown Juneau and hauled out for a full inspection and repairs.

WEATHER: Heavy rains the night of the incident, changing to clear and sunny on September 9, 2003. Presently raining, temperatures in the low 60's with winds up to 5 miles per hour.

UNIFIED COMMAND AND PERSONNEL:

Incident Commander:	Thomas Nave, (lawyer for James Backer)
F.O.S.C.:	Lt. T. Jones, MSO-Juneau
S.O.S.C.:	Les Leatherberry, SE Response Team
Field S.O.S.C.:	

FOR ADDITIONAL INFORMATION CONTACT: Les Leatherberry at 465-5346 in Juneau.

Photographs and other spill information are available for viewing at <http://www.state.ak.us/dec/dspar/perp/home.htm>

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