

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

**SITUATION REPORT**

**INCIDENT NAME:** M/V LeConte Grounding

**SITREP #:** 4

**SPILL NUMBER:** 04119913101

**LEDGER CODE:** 14953360

**TIME/DATE OF INCIDENT:** 10:00 AM on May 10, 2004.

**TIME/DATE OF SITUATION REPORT:** 3:00 PM on May 17, 2004

**TIME/DATE OF THE NEXT REPORT:** As more information becomes available.

**TYPE/AMOUNT OF PRODUCT:** Potential Spill Only. The vessel has not spilled any oil at this time. At the time of the grounding the ferry system reported the vessel had on board approximately 26,600 gallons of diesel fuel and 1962 gallons of auxiliary oils. On May 12, the ferry system revised the volume on board to approximately 19,500 gallons of diesel fuel. On May 13 the transfer of 17,000 gallons of diesel fuel was completed. On May 14<sup>th</sup> the transfer of the 1962 gallons of auxiliary oils was completed. Approximately 3000 gallons remains on board to supply fuel to the auxiliary generators.

**LOCATION:** Cozian Reef, Peril Straits on the north end of Baranof Island (135<sup>0</sup> 26.5' W long; 57<sup>0</sup> 34.01 N lat), NE of Sitka, AK.

**CAUSE OF INCIDENT:** The ferry grounded on Cozian Reef. The cause of the grounding is under investigation.

**POTENTIAL RESPONSIBLE PARTY (PRP):** State of Alaska DOT/Alaska Marine Highway System (AMHS)

**RESPONSE ACTION:** On May 14 the transfer of lube oil to the SEAPRO response barge ORB 2 was completed and the 15 cars on the LeConte's car deck were transferred to a barge for transit to Sitka, Alaska. The salvage vessel American Salvor arrived on scene at 9:30 AM on May 15 and began preparing the LeConte for salvage operations.

On 16 May the used oil and clean lube oil previously transferred to the ORB 2 was offloaded in Juneau without incident and on May 17<sup>th</sup> the cleaning of the ORB 2 was completed. The SEAPRO response barge ORB 9 and the skimming vessel Neka Bay are anticipated to be fully rehabilitated and ready for service by the end of the day.

A preliminary transit plan route was selected by the salvage crew for the transit to Ketchikan. The preferred route is Peril Strait to Chatham Strait, around Cape Decision to Sumner Strait, around Zarembo Island, through Stikine Strait to Clarence Strait to Ketchikan.

Today, May 17, 2004 the LeConte was refloated at 1143 and moved off the reef. Divers began an underwater survey before moving the vessel into Nisemi Cove for any necessary actions prior to transit to Ketchikan. If the survey results are favorable, the vessel may begin the transit to Ketchikan today.

**ENVIRONMENTAL ISSUES:** The environmental unit continues briefing stake holders in the area and has contacted all native groups for their concerns for using bays and coves identified by the tug Chahunta's captain as potential places of refuge along the transit route to Ketchikan.

The US Fish and Wildlife Service completed a review of the proposed places of refuge along the route to Ketchikan. This will be passed to the salvage crew when received at the incident command center.

**SOURCE CONTROL** The fuel and oils on board have been removed except for that needed to operate ships equipment during the transit to Ketchikan.

**RESOURCES AFFECTED:** No oil has been spilled. Resource trustees will be informed of any resource impacts incurred during the transit from Cozian Reef to Ketchikan.

**FUTURE PLANS AND RECOMMENDATIONS:** ADEC will maintain oversight of continuing operations until the vessel reaches its final destination.

**WEATHER:** Light rain, light and variable winds, seas 1-2 ft., temperatures high near 60 and lows near 40.

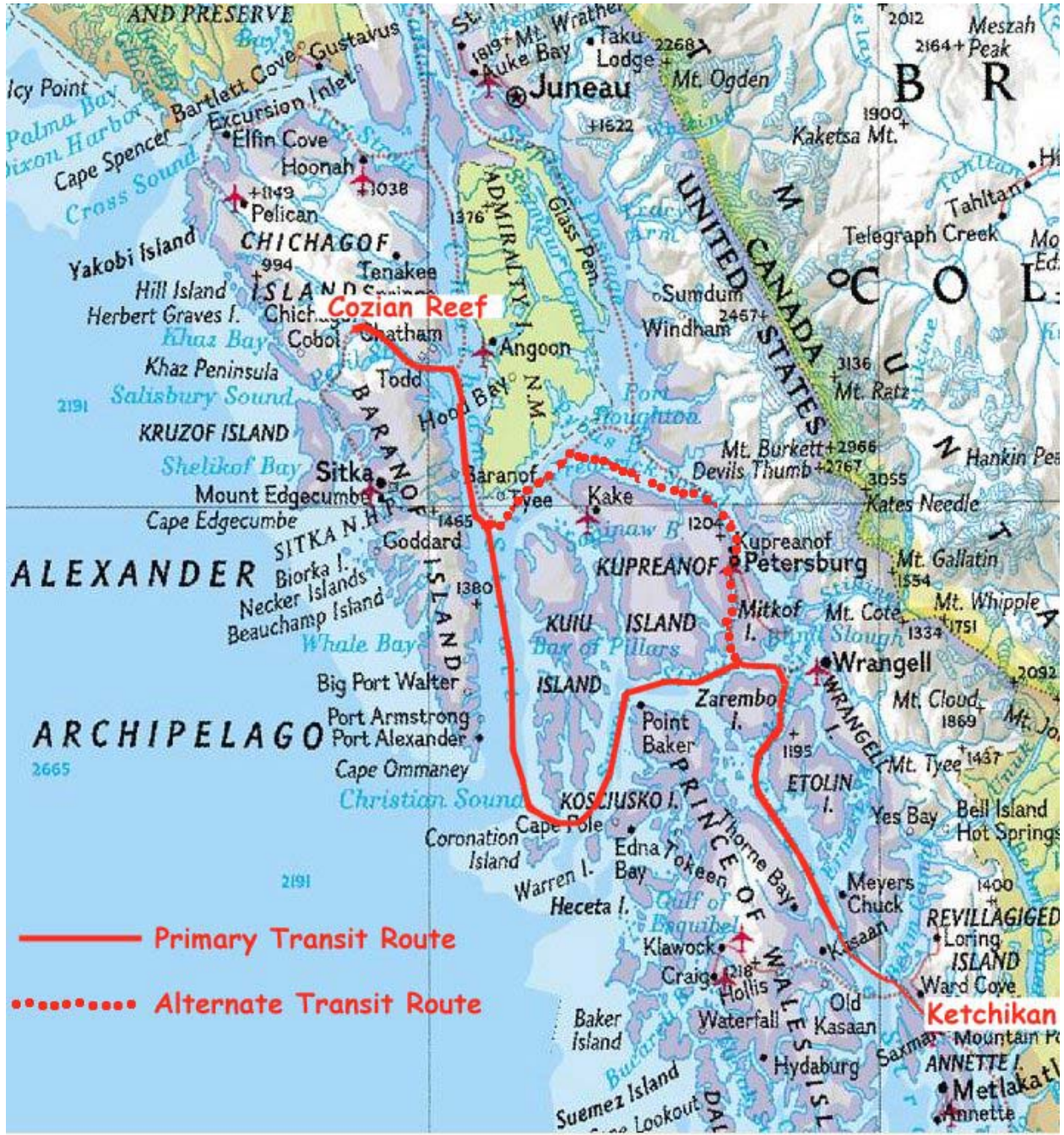
**UNIFIED COMMAND AND PERSONNEL:**

Incident Commander: Capt. Falvey, AMHS  
 F.O.S.C.: CDR John Siffling, USCG MSO Juneau  
 S.O.S.C.: Bob Mattson, Southeast Alaska Response Team

**FOR ADDITIONAL INFORMATION CONTACT:** Bob Mattson, ADEC at 321-3425. Photographs and other spill information are available on the DEC web site at [www.state.ak.us/dec/spar/perp/index.htm](http://www.state.ak.us/dec/spar/perp/index.htm) and the Unified Command website at [www.state.ak.us/dec/leconte.htm](http://www.state.ak.us/dec/leconte.htm)

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Transit Routes of the MV LeConte from grounding site to Ketchikan.