

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

SITUATION REPORT

INCIDENT NAME: F/V Royal Flush, Grounding

SITREP #: 1

SPILL NUMBER: 04119925901

LEDGER CODE: N/A

TIME/DATE OF SPILL: 12:05 AM on September 14, 2004. The spill was reported to ADEC at 2:47 PM on September 14, 2004

TIME/DATE OF SITUATION REPORT: 3:00 P.M. on September 15, 2004

TIME/DATE OF THE NEXT REPORT: As the situation warrants

TYPE/AMOUNT OF PRODUCT SPILLED: Potential spill only. The vessel owner/operator initially reported approximately 90 gallons of diesel fuel and lube oil on board at the time of the grounding but this estimate has been revised down to 40 gallons of diesel fuel and 7 gallons of lube oil.

LOCATION: Tree Point, approximately 50 miles south of Ketchikan.
(54 degrees 51.65 North Latitude/ 130 degrees 57.2 West Longitude).

CAUSE OF SPILL: The cause of the grounding remains under investigation.

POTENTIAL RESPONSIBLE PARTY (PRP): Mike Higgins, the vessel owner.

RESPONSE ACTION: The Coast Guard conducted an overflight of the scene on the afternoon of September 14, 2004 and determined there was no oil being discharged at that time. An ADEC spill responder conducted an overflight on the morning of September 15, 2004 and reported that there was no sheen or oil observed around the vessel. There were only two vessels sighted within one mile of the grounding location.

A spill trajectory was requested from NOAA Scientific Support Coordinator (SSC). The SSC stated that due to the high energy environment and minimal amount of fuel on board the vessel any oil spilled would be rapidly dispersed in the surf zone.

SOURCE CONTROL: None at this time

RESOURCES AFFECTED: There have been no resource impacts at this time. Resources threatened include the shoreline and waters of the Tree Point area.

A gillnet fishery is under way in Tree Point area that could potentially be affected by the spill. The fishery will close at noon on September 16, 2004 and re-open at noon on September 19, 2004. It is estimated that 10 to 15 vessels are involved in the fishery.

FUTURE PLANS AND RECOMMENDATIONS: The owner/operator is returning to the vessel the afternoon of September 15, 2004 to attempt removal of the oil and batteries in the vessel. An attempt to salvage the vessel is planned for September 27, 2004 when the tides will be sufficient to float the vessel.

WEATHER: Temperature is 53° F with clear skies and winds at 6 to 10 knots from the north.

UNIFIED COMMAND AND PERSONNEL:

Incident Commander: Mike Higgins (PRP)
F.O.S.C.: CDR John Sifling (USCG)
S.O.S.C.: Bob Mattson (ADEC)
Field S.O.S.C.: Bob Fultz (ADEC)

FOR ADDITIONAL INFORMATION CONTACT: Bob Fultz, ADEC, Ketchikan (907) 225-6200

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

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F/V Royal Flush near high tide on September 14, 2004
(Photo by USCG Marine Safety Detachment Ketchikan)



F/V Royal Flush at low tide September 15, 2004
(Photo by ADEC Ketchikan)