

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

**SITUATION REPORT**

**INCIDENT NAME:** DeHarts Marina/Fuel Dock, Juneau

**SITREP #:** 4

**SPILL NUMBER:** 04119926501

**LEDGER CODE:** 14150660

**TIME/DATE OF SPILL:** September 21, 2004, Time: unknown. Juneau Police Department reported the spill to ADEC at 4:21 AM

**TIME/DATE OF SITUATION REPORT:** 3:00 PM on September 24, 2004

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

**TYPE/AMOUNT OF PRODUCT SPILLED:** Diesel and gasoline. Estimated 35 gallons of gasoline and 1,600 gallons of diesel fuel were spilled according to Petro Marine Services.

**LOCATION:** DeHarts Marina/Fuel Dock, Auke Bay, Juneau, Alaska.

**CAUSE OF SPILL:** Fire Department Investigators have determined that the cause of the fire was arson. Vandalism is suspected as the flexible joints on two fuel lines were severed. A closed shut-off valve at one of the two diesel tanks failed and allowed the contents into the severed fuel line. A suspect has been arrested by the Juneau Police Department and the Department's Environmental Crimes Unit has been activated.

**POTENTIAL RESPONSIBLE PARTY (PRP):** Petro Marine Services, Juneau, Alaska and Rickey Gottardi

**RESPONSE ACTION:** SEAPRO and Petro Marine Services personnel conducted a shoreline survey to locate any additional sorbents and to determine the extent of shoreline oiling. No sorbents were found and no oiled areas were noted.

A third overflight of the area was conducted on the morning of September 24, 2004. There was minimal sheen throughout the Auke Bay area. The sheen in the harbor area is substantially reduced from that noted in the previous overflights. The main source of sheening at this time is the riprap and retaining wall at the parking lot and harbor masters office.

Very minor amounts of sheen are present at low tide in the area north of the fire location. This sheen is non-recoverable.

An inspection of all docks was conducted this morning. There is no sheen emanating from any boats moored in the harbor.

SEAPRO and Petro Marine Services personnel continue to remove pockets of mousse in Statter Harbor, DeHarts Marina, and Fisherman's Bend Marina. The mousse is being recovered with sections of window screening attached to rakes. This has been determined to be the most effective way to recover the mousse.

Petro Marine Services personnel are cleaning boat hulls. Numerous members of the public have been removing their boats from the water for the season and declined to have their boats cleaned indicating they will clean the vessels themselves.

Passive bird hazing has been terminated and the hazing gear is being recovered. Most of the Mylar tape and balloons were destroyed by high winds.

A small section of the inner harbor at Auke Bay remains boomed off this morning. Plans are to remove this boom this afternoon.

Protective booming at the mouth of Harbor, Auke, Spaulding and Auke Nu creeks has been removed. The boom at Bay Creek remains in place. The recovered boom has been taken to South East Alaska Lighterage (SEAL) for decontamination.

Both launch ramps at Statter Harbor are now open.

ADEC and the Coast Guard Marine Safety Office personnel remain on-scene monitoring response activities.

**SOURCE CONTROL:** Fuel lines from the marina's three fuel tanks were checked and the shut-off valves remain closed and locked. One failed valve will be replaced. No further discharges have occurred.

**RESOURCES AFFECTED:** One unconfirmed report of an oiled seagull was received September 21, 2004. Numerous birds are presently congregated at the mouths of the salmon streams, but no impacts to birds have been confirmed. An ANDR employee reported impacts to eel grass in the area. DeHarts Marina's fueling operation is shut down and will remain out of service for approximately a month. There is an alternative fuel source readily available. The dock facility does not appear to have suffered permanent damage. A boat cleaning station is to be established. Damage claim forms have been provided to the harbormaster by Petro Marine Services.

Clams from the Indian Point subsistence clamming beach will be tested to confirm that the site has not been impacted.

**FUTURE PLANS AND RECOMMENDATIONS:** Recovery operations are to continue. An attempt to recover oil and mousse from affected eelgrass areas will be conducted if found.

Washing of the riprap and retaining wall in front of the parking lot and harbormasters office will be conducted at low tide to remove oil left in this area. Sorbent boom will be used to recover any oil lifted front the rocks and retaining wall. The US Coast Guard has provided pumps for the washing operation.

An Organoliptic survey of the subsistence clamming beach will be conducted between low and mid tide this afternoon and/or evening. A public advisory will be released if tests are positive.

The boomed areas in Auke Bay's inner harbor area will continue to be reduced to concentrate and collect sheen remaining on the water.

**WEATHER:** Showers with light and variable winds in Auke Bay. There were heavy rains in the early hours of September 24, 2004. Temperatures: low 50s. The forecast is for additional rains throughout the weekend.

**UNIFIED COMMAND AND PERSONNEL:**

Incident Commander: Roger Baker, Petro Marine Services, Juneau  
 F.O.S.C.: CDR Sifling, USCG Marine Safety Office, Juneau  
 S.O.S.C.: Bob Mattson, ADEC, Southeast Alaska Response Team, Juneau  
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 Photographs and other spill information will be available for viewing at <http://www.state.ak.us/dec/spar/perp/index.htm>

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