

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

SITUATION REPORT

INCIDENT NAME: F/V Johnny A Sinking

SITREP #: 3

SPILL NUMBER: 05119920601

LEDGER CODE: (Requested)

TIME/DATE OF SPILL: The vessel sank at approximately 5:00 AM on July 25, 2005.

TIME/DATE OF SITUATION REPORT: 4:45 PM, July 29, 2005

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

TYPE/AMOUNT OF PRODUCT SPILLED: The total amount of product spilled is unknown. A light sheen was reported to have been observed around the vessel immediately following the sinking, but no further release has been observed. Approximately 5000 gallons of diesel was on board the vessel at the time that it sank.

LOCATION: Whitestone Harbor, located approximately 13 miles east of Hoonah on Chichagof Island; 30 miles southwest of Juneau.

CAUSE OF SPILL: The 58' fishing seiner hit a rock on the way into the harbor and sank. The vessel is currently submerged but stable, with the bow in 70 feet of water. A U.S. Coast Guard casualty investigation has been initiated and is ongoing.

POTENTIAL RESPONSIBLE PARTY (PRP): John Hinchman, vessel owner. Robert James Day, Jr., vessel operator.

RESPONSE ACTION: The vessel's manager has contracted Southeast Alaska Lighterage (SEAL), to provide pollution response. A response plan has been submitted to the USCG and ADEC and approved. SEAL is on site, has secured the vessel, mapped a recovery path, completed all preparatory work, and is beginning the process of pumping air into the vessels lazaret and engine room to lighten the vessel in order to move it into a more sheltered place of refuge inside of Whitestone Harbor (see attached map).

SOURCE CONTROL: All of the aft fuel vents have been sealed. The forward vents are located in the engine room and are inaccessible to divers, but are only 1/4" diameter vents.

RESOURCES AFFECTED: There have been no reports of oiled wildlife. Resources in the area include three anadromous streams, commercial and sport fisheries in Whitestone Harbor and Chatham Strait, and several species of shorebirds inhabiting nearby tide flats and marshes.

FUTURE PLANS AND RECOMMENDATIONS: SEAL's plans are to tow the vessel to a shelter area inside Whitestone harbor where the vessel will be boomed with containment boom, a soft patch placed on the vessel and additional work can be completed that will allow the vessel to trim itself out by dewatering and adding additional 'lift' bags in preparation for the tow to Auke Bay Harbor in Juneau. Once in Auke Bay, the vessel will be prepared for movement to a dry dock, (location yet to be identified).

USCG and ADEC have personnel on scene and will continue to monitor the situation.

WEATHER: Currently 58° F, East winds 8 mph, seas 3-5 ft. Forecast: S Winds 10 knots. Seas 2 ft or less.

UNIFIED COMMAND AND PERSONNEL:

Incident Commander:	John Gitkov, SEAL
F.O.S.C.:	Cdr. John Sifling, USCG
S.O.S.C.:	Bob Mattson, ADEC
Field S.O.S.C.:	Lester Leatherberry, ADEC

FOR ADDITIONAL INFORMATION CONTACT: Lester Leatherberry, ADEC, SART (907) 465-5349.

AGENCY/STAKEHOLDER NOTIFICATION LIST

This sitrep has been distributed via email to the Governor’s office, ADF&G, ADNR, SECC, USEPA, USDOJ, NMFS, USFWS, and USFS in addition to the following.

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