

**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 #:** 5 and Final

**SPILL NUMBER:** 05119920601

**LEDGER CODE:** 14151260

**TIME/DATE OF SPILL:** The vessel sank at approximately 5:00 AM on July 25, 2005. The US Coast Guard reported the sinking to ADEC at 8:10 AM the same day.

**TIME/DATE OF SITUATION REPORT:** 10:30 AM on August 5, 2005

**TIME/DATE OF THE NEXT REPORT:** None, unless 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. An additional sheen appeared after the vessel was moved to the place of refuge inside Whitestone Harbor. 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 bow section sustained a tear approximately 2.5 inches high and 2 (+) feet long.

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

**RESPONSE ACTION:** The vessel partially refloated by the salvors pumping air into the engine room to raise the stern of the vessel out of the water. The vessel was then towed slowly into an approved place of refuge inside Whitestone Harbor to complete refloating and dewatering actions and make necessary temporary repairs to the vessel's hull. Once the vessel was secured at the approved place of refuge, divers secured the forward vents in the engine room. 1500 feet (10,000 lbs.) of fish nets have been removed from the vessel, along with the sein skiff, and placed on the beach. South East Alaska Lighterage (SEAL), the contractor responding to this incident, was able to secure a soft patch on the vessels hull and completely refloat the vessel by August 1, 2005. During the refloating process an estimated 50 gallons of diesel was discharged to the waters of Whitestone Harbor. A boom was placed around the vessel to contain any discharge. A Marine Surveyor was present and completed a structural exam and determined there was no other structural damage and the vessel was safe for towing to Auke Bay, in Juneau, Alaska. Late in the afternoon of August 2, 2005, SEAL started towing the Johnny A, slowly out of Whitestone Harbor and toward Juneau. In the early evening of August 3, 2005 the Johnny A was safely moored at Auke Bay, in Juneau, Alaska. Since then, SEAL has been working to further secure, cleanup, and dewater the vessel in preparation for its movement to a dry dock for final repairs.

**SOURCE CONTROL:** All of the fuel vents have been sealed.

**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:** DEC will continue monitoring the cleanup and movement of the vessel until it arrives at a dry docking facility (location not yet identified) or is out of Alaskan waters.

**WEATHER:** Currently 58° F, East winds 7 mph. Forecast: Mostly cloudy with a 60 percent chance of showers, highs in the high 50s or low 60s, West winds to 10 mph.

**UNIFIED COMMAND AND PERSONNEL:**

Incident Commander: John Gitkov, SEAL  
 F.O.S.C.: Cdr. John Sifling, USCG  
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