

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

**SITUATION REPORT**

**INCIDENT NAME:** F/V Sylvia Star Sinking

**SITREP #:** 2 and Final

**SPILL NUMBER:** 05249920701

**LEDGER CODE:** Not Requested

**TIME/DATE OF SPILL:** The vessel sank at approximately 3:30 PM on July 26, 2005. The U.S. Coast Guard Marine Safety Detachment Kodiak reported the vessel sinking to the ADEC Anchorage office at 3:40 PM on July 26, 2005.

**TIME/DATE OF SITUATION REPORT:** 3:00 PM August 3, 2005

**TIME/DATE OF THE NEXT REPORT:** This is the last report.

**TYPE/AMOUNT OF PRODUCT SPILLED:** The total amount of product spilled is unknown, although a light sheen was reported to have been observed around the vessel when the vessel sank. Approximately 1,200 gallons (29 barrels) of diesel, 90 gallons (2 barrels) of hydraulic oil, 40 gallons of engine lube oil, and estimated 30 gallons of gasoline were onboard the vessel at the time of the sinking.

**LOCATION:** The vessel sank at position 57° 42.32N, 153° 32.15W in Uganik Bay which is located on the North side of Kodiak Island, approximately 20 miles north of the City of Kodiak by air travel and approximately 80 miles by boat travel.

**CAUSE OF SPILL:** The 58' fishing vessel hit a rock and sank in approximately 80 foot of water. A U.S. Coast Guard casualty investigation has been initiated and is ongoing.

**POTENTIAL RESPONSIBLE PARTY (PRP):** Ronald J Kavanaugh, vessel owner, Kodiak.

**RESPONSE ACTION:** On August 2<sup>nd</sup>, the salvage crew was able to move the vessel into shallow water in the prescribed location identified in the salvage plan. The vessel has been determined to be a total constructive loss, because of extensive damage to the vessels hull.

Spill response equipment is still on site in the event the Sylvia Star starts to sheen from oils still onboard the vessel.

**SOURCE CONTROL:** Fuel vents were plugged by the salvage team. Approximately 800 gallons of fuel was removed from the vessel on July 31<sup>st</sup> during diving operations.

**RESOURCES AFFECTED:** The vessel sinking is located adjacent to the Kodiak National Wildlife Refuge. There have been no reports of oiled wildlife. Resources in the area include several commercial salmon fisheries in the Uganik Bay area, and numerous species of marine and shorebirds also inhabit the area.

**FUTURE PLANS AND RECOMMENDATIONS:** The salvage crew is now in the process applying for the appropriate permits to scuttle the vessel at sea. In the near future salvage crews will attempt to move the vessel closer to the high tide line so access will allow the removal of all deck gear, rigging, oily liquids and other hazards to the marine environment.

The USCG Marine Safety Detachment Kodiak will continue to monitor the wreck removal process to ensure compliance with the scuttling plan and permit.

**WEATHER:** Cloudy, with rain, Temperature 55° F, Northeast winds 20 knots increasing to 30 knots, seas building to 10 foot by this afternoon.

**UNIFIED COMMAND AND PERSONNEL:**

Incident Commander: Tony Lara, M/V Lazy Bay, LLC  
 F.O.S.C.: Capt. Mark DeVries, USCG  
 S.O.S.C.: Gary Folley, ADEC

**FOR ADDITIONAL INFORMATION CONTACT:** John Brown, ADEC (907) 269-7688.

**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.

AGENCY	NAME	Sent Via		Telephone	Facsimile
ADEC	Field Office, Kodiak EH	Email		486-3350	486-5032
USCG-MSO/KOD	USCG -Office	Fax		486-5918	487-5585
USCG-MSO/ANC	USCG- Office	Fax		271-6700	271-6751
US EPA	Matt Carr/Carl Lautenberger	Fax		271-3616	271-3424
OTHER	NAME	Sent Via		Telephone	Facsimile
PWS RCAC	John Devens	Fax		835-5957	835-5926
CIRCAC	Mike Munger	Fax/Email	<a href="mailto:munger@circac.org">munger@circac.org</a>	283-7222	283-6102
City of Kodiak	City Manager	Fax		486-8640	486-8600
Kodiak Is. Borough	Borough Office	Fax		486-9360	486-9396
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Selected tideland area where the Sylvia Star will be dismantled for eventual scuttling  
 57°45.2 N / 153°32.9W