

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

SITUATION REPORT

INCIDENT NAME: F/V MRS Capsize and Sinking

SITREP #: 1 and Final

SPILL NUMBER: 05119928701

LEDGER CODE: Not requested

TIME/DATE OF SPILL: The vessel reportedly capsized and sank at approximately 3:30 PM on October 14, 2005. ADEC was notified of the incident by the United States Coast Guard at approximately 8:00 AM on October 15, 2005.

TIME/DATE OF SITUATION REPORT: 1:00 PM, October 17, 2005

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

TYPE/AMOUNT OF PRODUCT SPILLED: The U.S. Coast Guard estimated approximately 100 gallons of diesel fuel was onboard the vessel along with unknown quantities of lube and hydraulic oil at the time of the sinking. The U.S. Coast Guard estimate was based upon the vessel's fuel tank size, time underway, and fuel burn rate.

LOCATION: The position of the vessel at the time of the sinking was Grindall Island, which is approximately 30 miles northwest of Ketchikan. An Emergency Position Indicating Radio Beacon (EPIRB), activated by the vessel at the time of the casualty, gave the vessel's position as Lat. N 55° 24.2 Long. W 132° 6.6'.

A Coast Guard overflight on the morning of October 15 located a 300 yard long debris field and oil sheen off Chacina Point near the mouth of Cholmondeley Sound, Prince of Wales Island (Lat. N55° 17' Long. W132° 02'). This is approximately 10 mile southeast of the EPRIB position and 20 miles west of Ketchikan.

CAUSE OF SPILL: The crew reported that while the vessel was making a turn, it capsized. The vessel was participating in a shrimp fishery at the time of the sinking. The boat capsized on the 14th; however it is unknown when it sank (that night or early the 15th).

POTENTIAL RESPONSIBLE PARTY (PRP): Ryan Miller, vessel owner.

RESPONSE ACTION: The U. S. Coast Guard initially mobilized two (2) small boats from Ketchikan and one helicopter from Sitka to respond on October 14, 2005. The U.S. Coast Guard reported that all three (3) crewmembers were recovered on the October 14th. No oil spill response has been initiated because the sheen reportedly dissipated due to currents, tides, and wind.

SOURCE CONTROL: None.

RESOURCES AFFECTED: The marine waters and coastal areas near Chasina Point, near the mouth of Cholmondeley Sound, Prince of Wales Island. There have been no reports of oiled wildlife.

FUTURE PLANS AND RECOMMENDATIONS: The U.S. Coast Guard will continue to investigate the cause of the sinking. Resource agencies and Native communities will be notified of the vessel sinking.

WEATHER: Mostly cloudy with highs around 49 F, East Northeast winds 5-10 mph, seas calm.

UNIFIED COMMAND AND PERSONNEL:

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| Incident Commander: | Unknown |
| F.O.S.C.: | Cdr. John Sifling, USCG |
| S.O.S.C.: | Scot Tiernan, ADEC Juneau |
| Field S.O.S.C. | Bob Fultz, ADEC Ketchikan |

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AGENCY/STAKEHOLDER NOTIFICATION LIST

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