

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

SITUATION REPORT

INCIDENT NAME: T/V Seabulk Pride Grounding

SITREP #: 8

SPILL NUMBER: 06239903301

LEDGER CODE: 14204860

TIME/DATE OF GROUNDING: The T/V Seabulk Pride went aground at 5:25 AM on February 2, 2006. The Alaska State Troopers reported the grounding to ADEC at 6:20 AM on February 2, 2006.

TIME/DATE OF SITUATION REPORT: 8:30 AM, on February 6, 2006

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

TYPE/AMOUNT OF SPILL: Tesoro Alaska reported that approximately 75 gallons of petroleum product was spilled to water. An additional 125 gallons of product was spilled and contained on the vessel. The vessel was transferring both gasoline and Vacuum Tower Bottom Blend (VTBB) at the same time so the exact volume of each product has not been determined. The T/V Seabulk Pride is a 600 ft, double-hulled and double-bottomed oil tanker utilized by Tesoro Alaska Company to transport oil. At the time of the grounding, the tanker was carrying 3,987,942 gallons (94,951 barrels) of VTBB. VTBB is a residual oil product that is not processed at the Tesoro Refinery in Nikiski. VTBB has a thick consistency, similar to asphalt.

The T/V Seabulk Pride is also carrying 224,532 gallons (5,346 barrels) of Bunker Oil, 47,670 gallons (1,135 barrels) of gasoline, 520,800 gallons (12,400 barrels) of Heavy Vacuum Gasoline Oil (HVGO) and 100,506 gallons (2,393 barrels) of Diesel Fuel 2.

LOCATION: The tanker grounded approximately 200 yards north of the Nikiski Kenai Pipeline (KPL) dock at position 60°41.46"; 151°24.191". The tanker arrived in Kachemak Bay at approximately 6:00 PM on Friday February 3, 2006. Unified Command chose Kachemak Bay as a place of refuge for the vessel where it can be safely inspected and undergo repairs.

CAUSE OF SPILL: The tanker was moored at the KPL dock transferring cargo and was struck by an ice flow. The mooring lines parted causing the vessel to drift northward and go aground approximately 200 yards north of the KPL dock.

POTENTIAL RESPONSIBLE PARTY (PRP): Tesoro Alaska Company and Seabulk Tankers, Inc.

RESPONSE ACTION: On Saturday February 4, 2006 an external dive survey and an internal inspection of the vessel's hull was performed of the ballast water compartments. According to Seabulk personnel, ABS certified divers from Offshore Divers out of Anchorage performed the dive survey. The divers videotaped the cross-sections of the tanker beginning at the stern and progressing to the bow. ABS was aboard the dive boat and viewed a live-feed of the video. While viewing the video, ABS had the ability to direct the divers to specific areas of concern. The survey was initiated Saturday morning February 4, 2006 and was complete by 8:00 PM that evening. A formal report of the dive survey is expected to be completed by ABS later today February 6, 2006 and supplied to the ship's owner and the Coast Guard.

According to ABS, no damage was found on the internal cargo compartments and any concerns are limited to the external hull. Significant findings of Saturday's investigations include minor damage to the propeller, propeller shaft, and the ship's hull. In the course of the dive survey, divers found a wire mooring line around the propeller shaft. The dive team was able to successfully remove the line from the shaft and noted slight scoring. Minor light scratches are evident on the propeller and may be indications of the efforts to refloat and pull the vessel from the grounding. Neither the scoring on the shaft nor the propeller scratches reportedly will impair the ability of the vessel to motor or navigate under its own power. Indications of the vessel grounding to the hull are primarily

limited to the port side. Numerous indentations and fractures were found in the double bottom hull. In the #5 Port Ballast Tank, the source of the incoming ballast water was located. This area was described to be a four by eight foot area where the hull was strained or stretched to the point where two cracks formed. These cracks are reportedly small with one being approximately four inches and the other about seven inches. Repairs to the hull will be coordinated with ABS and the US Coast Guard. Damage to the valves and manifolds on the vessel's deck are expected to be repaired by today. Pressure testing of the valves and manifolds on deck will be required to ensure that the tanker may be safely offloaded.

Several support vessels remain on standby with the T/V Seabulk Pride. They are the Tug Champion, the M/V Seabulk Nevada, the M/V Sand Point and the Tug Sea Voyager.

The Coast Guard was on board the T/V Seabulk Pride on Saturday conducting an investigation into the incident. An ADEC spill responder was in Homer monitoring the hull survey over the weekend.

SOURCE CONTROL: All valves associated with the cargo transfer were closed.

RESOURCES AFFECTED: The waters and shores of Cook Inlet.

FUTURE PLANS AND RECOMMENDATIONS: Inspections of the vessel and the Coast Guard investigation are expected to continue through today. As soon as the Coast Guard certifies that the vessel is safe to operate at sea, Seabulk Tankers, Inc. plans to transit the T/V Seabulk Pride to Puget Sound to offload its cargo in Anacortes, WA. ADEC is continuing to monitor the situation closely.

WEATHER: The weather is expected to be cloudy with a chance of rain or snow, highs in the 30s, northeast to southeast wind 15 to 25 mph with local gusts to 40 mph.

UNIFIED COMMAND AND PERSONNEL:

Incident Commander: Shawn Brown (Tesoro Alaska Company)
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