

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

SITUATION REPORT

INCIDENT NAME: Barge Selma S

SITREP #: 1

SPILL NUMBER: 06269915301

LEDGER CODE: Requested

TIME/DATE OF SPILL: Unknown, however the spill was discovered as a sheen around the wooden vessel on May 15, 2006. The spill was reported to ADEC on May 16, 2006 by the Aleknagik Village Public Safety Officer.

TIME/DATE OF SITUATION REPORT: 2:00 PM, May 18, 2006

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

TYPE/AMOUNT OF PRODUCT SPILLED: Diesel fuel, unknown amount; however the PRP estimated that the release may have been at a rate of 1 gallon per hour since the discovery on May 15, 2006.

LOCATION: Approximately 2 miles downriver from Aleknagik Lake on the Wood River. The Wood River is located 16 miles northwest of Dillingham.

CAUSE OF SPILL: Is under investigation, the PRP believes the spill may have been related to the keel freezing to the river bottom and incoming tide lifting the hull off the wooden keel.

POTENTIAL RESPONSIBLE PARTY (PRP): Anna Mae Sorenson., Owner

RESPONSE ACTION: A section of absorbent boom was placed by local Crowley Barge crew member near the damaged barge during the spill. On May 17th, 2006, the PRP for the barge had organized a small crew to access the hull of the barge. The PRP estimated 50 gallons of fuel was removed from the bilge area of the vessel and was transferred into 20 gallon plastic containers.

A fuel removal plan was developed and approved to access both fuel tanks this afternoon after the high tide. ADEC has provided permission for the PRP to access the ADEC emergency spill response conexes in Dillingham to help with the cleanup. The PRP will place absorbent boom and pads inside the damaged hull to contain fuel inside the wooden hulled vessel. Containment boom will be placed outside the damaged hull section to further mitigate the escape of any fuel from the vessel.

ADEC confirmed reports of light sheening during yesterday's high tide at the confluence of Wood River and Aleknagik Lake. A local resident reported that the lake ice had prevented the light sheen from entering the lake. During this morning's incoming tide very little sheening had been observed at the confluence of the Aleknagik Lake and Wood River. The PRP believes that the removal of bilge fuel from the vessel yesterday may have helped mitigate the surface sheening near the lake.

SOURCE CONTROL: Remove all fuel from all fuel tanks and engine oils from the main and auxiliary engines

RESOURCES AFFECTED: Wood River and confluence of Aleknagik Lake. There have been no reports of any impacted wildlife.

FUTURE PLANS AND RECOMMENDATIONS: ADEC and USCG will continue to monitor the PRP's cleanup and fuel removal efforts on and near the vessel. The PRP will draft a removal plan for the vessel and submit it to the USCG, ADEC and ADNR for review.

WEATHER:

Today: Highs in the upper 30s, mostly cloudy. Wind SW 15 mph. Tonight: Mostly cloudy, lows in the lower 30s.
Friday: Chance of rain, highs in the mid 40s to lower 50s.

UNIFIED COMMAND AND PERSONNEL:

Incident Commander: Rick Halford, Owner Representative
F.O.S.C: Captain Mark Devries, USCG
S.O.S.C: Gary Folley, ADEC

FOR ADDITIONAL INFORMATION CONTACT: John Brown, phone: 269-7688.

Photographs and other spill information are available for viewing at:
<http://www.state.ak.us/dec/spar/perp/index.htm>

AGENCY/STAKEHOLDER NOTIFICATION LIST

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