

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

**SITUATION REPORT**

**INCIDENT NAME:** M/V *Cougar Ace*

**SITREP #:** 9

**SPILL NUMBER:** 06259920501

**LEDGER CODE:** 14212360

**TIME/DATE OF INCIDENT:** The M/V *Cougar Ace* had been adrift since approximately 11:00 PM on, July 23, 2006, when the crew attempted to adjust ballast and the vessel keeled over onto its port side. The U.S. Coast Guard (USCG) reported the vessel's status to ADEC at 8:00 AM on July 24, 2006. The tug *Emma Foss* took the M/V *Cougar Ace* in tow on July 31, 2006 at 11:00 PM.

**TIME/DATE OF SITUATION REPORT:** 11:00 AM August 25, 2006. This and subsequent situation reports are being distributed to disseminate information on the vessel's status, incident management and salvage plans for the vessel.

**TIME/DATE OF THE NEXT REPORT:** Upon planned departure of the vessel from Unalaska.

**TYPE/AMOUNT OF PRODUCT SPILLED:** A small sheen of what appeared to be lubricating oil was stopped from the vessel's bow thruster area on August 2, 2006. The vessel is carrying a reported 142,184 gallons of Intermediate Fuel Oil (IFO) 380 and 34,182 gallons of Marine Diesel Oil (MDO) as estimated by the PRP. Former estimates did not account for fuel remaining in tanks prior to bunkering. The vessel is reported to be carrying approximately 4,813 vehicles as cargo. An undetermined amount of lubricant and transmission fluids spilled from the vehicles onto the cargo decks while the vessel was heeled over.

**LOCATION:** The vessel location as of August 16, 2006 is at *Icicle Seafoods'* mooring buoy located in Wide Bay, Unalaska Bay at 53-57.2 N, 166.36.7 W.

**CAUSE OF SPILL:** The cause of the sheen from the bow thruster area has not been determined. All efforts are being made to salvage the vessel prior to further incident.

**POTENTIAL RESPONSIBLE PARTY (PRP):** Mitsui OSK Lines, Tokyo, Japan.

**RESPONSE ACTIONS:** On August 22, 2006 *Magone Marine* completed the pumping of oily water from the bilge and shaft alleys. The filling of the No. 3 starboard ballast tank was started and as of the evening of August 24, 2006 the list had been reduced to 3 degrees.

The Tugs *Sea Victory* and *Gladiator* remain standing by the M/V *Cougar Ace* on scene in Wide Bay with the *Makushin Bay*, *Kashega Barge* and the M/V *Redeemer* in port.

**SOURCE CONTROL:** None at this time.

**RESOURCES AFFECTED:** Marine waters. No oiled wildlife has been observed.

**FUTURE PLANS AND RECOMMENDATIONS:** Continue to maintain mooring lines from the vessel to the mooring buoys. Once the vessel is brought to a zero degree list, personnel will start re-securing vehicle lashing. Some work continues on the wiping down of car decks.

Tow the vessel from Unalaska to Portland, Oregon after receiving approval of the towing plan from USCG Sector Anchorage and Portland. The USCG will complete a final safety inspection of vessel prior to its departure the week of August 28, 2006.

**WEATHER:** Today: W Winds 20 KT, Seas 4 FT, Rain Tomorrow: NW Winds 15 KT, Seas 4 FT.

**UNIFIED COMMAND AND PERSONNEL**

F.O.S.C: Capt. Mark DeVries (USCG)

S.O.S.C: John Brown (ADEC)

**FOR ADDITIONAL INFORMATION CONTACT:**

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Photographs and other spill information are available for viewing at the following Unified Command website:

<http://www.dec.state.ak.us/spar/cougarace>**AGENCY/STAKEHOLDER NOTIFICATION LIST**

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