

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

SITUATION REPORT

INCIDENT NAME: Freight Barge *Baranof Provider* Fire **SITREP #:** 2

SPILL NUMBER: 06119931001

LEDGER CODE: None Requested

TIME/DATE OF SPILL: Potential spill only. Reported to the USCG at 7:04 PM and to ADEC at 10:05 PM November 6, 2006

TIME/DATE OF SITUATION REPORT: 5:00 P.M. November 9, 2006

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

TYPE/AMOUNT OF PRODUCT SPILLED: This is a potential spill only. No product has been released at this time. The immediate concern to ADEC is the public safety hazard due to the smoke being released from the fire. The barge has a diesel generator on board used to supply power to the refrigerated containers on the barge. The owners report that the supply of diesel for the generator should be expended by this time.

LOCATION: The Freight Barge *Baranof Provider* was reported to be in Chatham Straits near Frederick Sound when the fire was discovered. The barge has transited to Hobart Bay approximately 70 miles south of Juneau.

CAUSE OF SPILL: Potential spill only.

POTENTIAL RESPONSIBLE PARTY (PRP): Bob Schuberg, Western Towboat Company the tug's owner and Don Reid, Alaska Marine Lines (AML) the owner/operator of the barge

RESPONSE ACTION: The tug *Le Chaval Rouge* departed Juneau en route to the *Baranof Provider's* location south of Yasha Island at 9:09 AM November 7 arriving on scene at approx. 5:00 PM and began firefighting operations. At 5:25 AM November 8, the *Le Cheval Rouge* and the *Togiak* reported fire operations continuing through the use of five hoses and the fire contained but still smoldering.

ADEC PERP and Air Quality personnel attended a second meeting with Coast Guard Sector Juneau (Sector Juneau), City and Borough of Juneau and Alaska Marine Lines (AML) representatives at 9:00 AM November 8th. A site safety plan and an operations plan for firefighting and cargo recovery was discussed. AML requested to move the barge to Hobart Bay, 70 miles southeast of Juneau, to gain protection from prevailing weather patterns and provide a suitable location for firefighting and cargo removal. A tug and second freight barge from Juneau would transit to Hobart Bay where the intact containers on the bow of the *Baranof Provider* would be removed. The request to transit to Hobart Bay was approved by Sector Juneau.

A "Places of Refuge" conference call was conducted at 3:00 PM November 8th including representatives from the US Fish and Wildlife Service, U.S. Department of the Interior, the National Marine Fisheries Service, Alaska Department of Natural Resources, Sector Juneau and ADEC. Alaska Department of Fish and Game and the US Forest Service also provided written comments for the Places of Refuge conference. Hobart Bay, south of Juneau, was approved as a suitable Place of Refuge with restrictions including no on shore operations and plans to prevent loss of and for recovery of materials over the side of the *Baranof Provider* or other vessels during the operations.

A teleconference between Sector Juneau and ADEC was held at 9:55 AM, November 9th to discuss the safety and operations plan submitted by AML. Deficiencies in the plan were to be addressed with AML and the plan finalized at the next Unified Command meeting to be held at 3:00 PM, today.

SOURCE CONTROL: AML stated the fuel in the diesel generator was consumed on Tuesday, November 9th, eliminating that source of oil pollution. Fire suppression efforts are ongoing keeping the fire contained.

RESOURCES AFFECTED: Air quality in the area of the barge has been impacted, however the barge operations have been kept remote from populated areas. There have been no observed impacts to the waters of Frederick Sound or adjoining shorelines at this time. There have been no reports of impacts to wildlife.

FUTURE PLANS AND RECOMMENDATIONS: The unaffected intact cargo container removal is expected to commence late afternoon of November 9th with the arrival of the barge Sitka Provider. When the intact containers have been removed a contractor with a work barge and heavy equipment will remove the fire damaged containers and completely extinguish any remaining fire. ADEC and Sector Juneau will continue to monitor the situation. .

WEATHER: Southeast winds to 20 kts shift to the north 25 kts. Winds will increase to 40 kts with gusts to 55 kts in mixed rain and snow. A high wind warning is in affect.

UNIFIED COMMAND AND PERSONNEL:

Incident Commander: Don Reid (AML)
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