

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

**SITUATION REPORT**

**INCIDENT NAME:** F/V Tradition Sinking

**SITREP #:** 2

**SPILL NUMBER:** 07239913701

**LEDGER CODE:** Requested

**TIME/DATE OF SPILL:** At 1:15 AM, on May 17, 2007, the sunken vessel was discovered by Whittier City personnel who notified ADEC at 2:45 AM on May 17, 2007.

**TIME/DATE OF SITUATION REPORT:** 12:00 PM May 18, 2007.

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

**TYPE/AMOUNT OF PRODUCT SPILLED:** Diesel Fuel but the amount spilled is unknown. Sheen was observed when the vessel was discovered. The vessel continues to release fuel at an unknown rate. The responsible party indicated the vessel contains approximately 6000 gallons of diesel fuel.

**LOCATION:** DeLong Dock in Whittier, Alaska

**CAUSE OF SPILL:** Vessel flooded from the starboard side while it was moored to the dock.

**POTENTIAL RESPONSIBLE PARTY (PRP):** Avalon Leasing, Bellevue, WA.

**RESPONSE ACTION:** Sheen was observed as a result of the sinking. Spill response equipment has been deployed from ADEC and Coast Guard spill response containers located at the Whittier Harbor. Alaska Chadux Corporation has been contracted by the responsible party to monitor and maintain the containment boom around the sunken vessel. Two fuel vents were plugged by divers on the port side which stopped the majority of the ongoing release. One ADEC responder and two Coast Guard responders are on scene. A skimmer and two fast tanks have been deployed to the scene for mechanical recovery of released fuel.

A salvage plan for the vessel has been drafted by Storm Chasers Marine Services Inc. The salvage plan is to upright the vessel using mechanical means in combination with the tide. When the vessel is in the upright position it will be dewatered. Water pumped from the vessel will be discharged into the containment boom around the vessel. Alaska Chadux will be on-scene to respond to any releases from the vessel during the salvage operations.

**SOURCE CONTROL:** The vessel continues to release fuel at an unknown rate. Containment boom has been placed around the sunken vessel. Divers plugged two fuel vents to reduce the leakage.

**RESOURCES AFFECTED:** Marine waters in the Whittier Harbor. Empty salmon smolt pens have been removed from the vicinity of the sunken vessel and will be cleaned and relocated before the salmon smolt arrive.

**FUTURE PLANS AND RECOMMENDATIONS:** Plans are to carry out the salvage plan when salvage equipment arrives on May 20/21, 2007.

**WEATHER:** Clear and calm.

**UNIFIED COMMAND AND PERSONNEL:**

Incident Commander:	David Kayak (PRP)
F.O.S.C.:	Capt. Mark DeVries (USCG)
S.O.S.C.:	Gary Folley (ADEC)
Field S.O.S.C.:	Frank Wesser (ADEC)

**FOR ADDITIONAL INFORMATION CONTACT:** Eric Henry of ADEC at 907-269-7542  
 Photographs and other spill information will be available for viewing at:  
<http://www.state.ak.us/dec/spar/perp/index.htm>

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