

**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 #:** 4 & final

**SPILL NUMBER:** 07239913701

**LEDGER CODE:** 14233460

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

**TIME/DATE OF SITUATION REPORT:** May 25, 2007 at 4:00 PM.

**TIME/DATE OF THE NEXT REPORT:** This is the final report

**TYPE/AMOUNT OF PRODUCT SPILLED:** The responsible party indicated that the vessel's fuel tanks were topped off in Cordova prior to transiting to Whittier. The PRP is currently estimating the amount of fuel burned between Cordova and Whittier to determine the revised volume of fuel spilled from the vessel. The discharge volume of diesel fuel will remain at 6,000 gallons until the PRP representative can provide supporting fuel records and fuel tank records. A separate gas tank spilled approximately 10 gallons of fuel during the vessel stabilization.

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

**CAUSE OF SPILL:** Vessel flooded from the starboard side while it was moored to the dock. U.S. Coast Guard is investigating the cause of the sinking.

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

**VESSEL INFORMATION:** *F/V Tradition* - a 76 ft long, single steel hull, four integrated tanks (two bow, one port, one starboard).

**RESPONSE ACTION:** As of May 22, 2007, the PRP vessel salvage contractor had completed re-floating, stabilizing and securing the vessel to the DeLong Dock. Two sections of containment boom remain set up immediately around the vessel with another section of boom completely enclosing the DeLong Dock. Presently, no fuel is reported to be leaking from the vessel. The spill response contractor continues to use absorbent sweeps to recover residual fuel sheens migrating from underneath the dock during the low-tide cycles. The spill response contractor will be relieved for the weekend and return on Tuesday to complete waste management and decontamination and demobilization of state, federal and contractor spill response equipment. Two salvage contractor employees and one spill responder will remain with the vessel over the weekend to monitor containment boom, recover light fuel sheens and remaining absorbent materials.

On the evening of May 21, 2007 local business owners observed and reported fuel sheen near the breakwater area outside the Small Boat Harbor to the PRP representative. He met with local business owners and agreed to attempt recovery of localized fuel sheen with absorbent sweeps. As of May 24, 2007, most of the breakwater sheen had dissipated.

On May 24, 2007, all of the remaining recovered oily liquids from the vessel and spill response rope-mop fast tanks were transferred to a vacuum truck. Most of the oily absorbent and debris from the vessel and containment boom area has been removed. Oily solid waste is individually double-bagged and stored in a lined dumpster on the dock and will be transported to Emerald Services of Alaska. All recovered oily liquids and solid waste will be gauged and processed at Emerald Services of Alaska's facility in Anchorage. The spill response contractor estimated three fast tanks or approximately 7200 gallons of oily liquids (water and diesel) have been recovered from within the

containment boom area around the vessel. An estimated 10 gallons of gasoline from an onboard gas tank was spilled during vessel stabilization efforts by the salvager and recovered by the spill response contractor. This recovered fuel was segregated from the oily liquids for separate processing by Emerald Services of Alaska.

**SOURCE CONTROL:** Vessel is stabilized and secured to the Delong Dock. On May 24, 2007, all of the oily liquids from the vessel were transferred to a vacuum truck.

**RESOURCES AFFECTED:** Marine waters. City of Whittier relocated the salmon fish pen on May 20, 2007 into a protected area near the City Harbor entrance as a protection measure.

**FUTURE PLANS AND RECOMMENDATIONS:** PRP representative estimates 5-10 days to determine where the vessel will be relocated after completing the decontamination of vessel. ADEC and USCG agency representatives will meet with the PRP representative on May 29, 2007 for further planning of salvage and demobilization of spill response contractor.

**WEATHER:** Rain. Highs in the 50s. East wind 15 to 25 mph. Tonight: Rain likely. Lows in the 40s. Northeast wind 15 to 20 mph. Saturday: Rain likely. Highs in the mid 50s to lower 60s. East wind 10 to 20 mph

**UNIFIED COMMAND AND PERSONNEL:**

Incident Commander: Tom Waterer (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:** Frank Wesser of ADEC at 907-269-3062.  
Photographs and other spill information are available for viewing at:<http://www.state.ak.us/dec/spar/perp/index.htm>

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