

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

SITUATION REPORT

INCIDENT NAME: F/V Cape St Elias sinking

SITREP #: 1

SPILL NUMBER: 07119919501

LEDGER CODE: Requested

TIME/DATE OF SPILL: The vessel was reported to be taking on water and was partially submerged at approximately 7:00 AM July 14, 2007. The state was notified of the sinking by the Alaska State Troopers at 8:23 AM.

TIME/DATE OF SITUATION REPORT: 3:30 PM July 14, 2007

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

TYPE/AMOUNT OF PRODUCT SPILLED: The vessel was reported to have 4000 gallons of fuel on board at the time of the incident. On scene reports indicate only a minor discharge has occurred. The amount of the discharge is estimated at 10 gallons. The vessel's fuel vents were reported to be above the surface of the water.

LOCATION: The vessel was located approximately 500 yards north of Long Island in Sitka Sound at the time of the incident. Long Island is three and a half miles south of Sitka, Alaska.

CAUSE OF SPILL: The vessel took on water for unknown reasons and began sinking.

POTENTIAL RESPONSIBLE PARTY (PRP): Randy L. Stewart.

RESPONSE ACTION: A Good Samaritan vessel found the vessel in distress, rescued the crew and towed the vessel into shallow water where the vessel was tied off to the shoreline to prevent it from drifting.

USCG Air station Sitka conducted an overflight of the scene at approximately 8:00 AM but report of the overflight is not yet available

The PRP's insurance company contracted with W S Construction in Sitka, Alaska to conduct salvage operations. W S Construction deployed divers who plugged the vessel's fuel vents and began preparations to move a marine construction barge to the site. The barge departed Sitka for Long Island at approximately 1:00 PM.

SOURCE CONTROL: The fuel vents have been plugged.

RESOURCES AFFECTED: There was a light sheen reported on the marine waters of Sitka Sound. There are no reports of impacts to wildlife or the shoreline of Long Island at this time.

FUTURE PLANS AND RECOMMENDATIONS: M S Construction will continue with salvage operations. The vessel will be stabilized with float bags and lifted with a crane. As the vessel is raised it will be dewatered. When the vessel is afloat in will be taken to Sitka.

The state has directed that adequate spill response gear is to be on scene and ready for immediate deployment during the salvage operations and to prevent the spread of oil during dewatering operations.

WEATHER: The current on scene weather is cloudy with a 20 percent chance of showers. The temperature is 59 degrees with light winds. Seas are calm.

UNIFIED COMMAND AND PERSONNEL:

Incident Commander: Randy L Stewart PRP
F.O.S.C.: Capt Mark Guillory USCG Sector Juneau
S.O.S.C.: Scot W. Tiernan ADEC
Field S.O.S.C.:N/A

FOR ADDITIONAL INFORMATION CONTACT:

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AGENCY/STAKEHOLDER NOTIFICATION LIST

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