

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

SITUATION REPORT

INCIDENT NAME: M/V *Pegasus* Sinking

SITREP #: 3 and final

SPILL NUMBER: 07119920501

LEDGER CODE: 14240260

TIME/DATE OF SPILL: The potential responsible party (PRP) reported that the vessel sank at approximately 11:30 AM, July 24, 2007. Both members of the vessel's crew were recovered from the vessel without injury.

TIME/DATE OF SITUATION REPORT: 1:00 PM, July 27, 2007

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

TYPE/AMOUNT OF PRODUCT SPILLED: There was a small quantity of oil discharged immediately after the vessel sank, but the type and amount of product spilled is unknown at this time. The PRP reported that there were 1200 gallons of diesel fuel on board the vessel as well as unknown quantities of lubricating and hydraulic oils. There was also a front-end loader on the vessel that was reported to contain 26 gallons of diesel fuel and 36.7 gallons of hydraulic and lube oil. Two containers containing explosives that were also aboard the vessel, floated free and were recovered on July 25, 2007.

LOCATION: The vessel sank off Sunshine Cove on the east side of Lynn Canal. Sunshine Cove is 28 miles northwest of Juneau.

CAUSE OF SPILL: The cause of the sinking is under investigation by the US Coast Guard.

POTENTIAL RESPONSIBLE PARTY (PRP): Mitch Falk, Gumption Leasing LLC.

RESPONSE ACTION: The ADEC Field SOSC arrived on scene at approximately 10:30 AM July 26, 2007. An unrecoverable sheen was visible both outside and inside the boom surrounding the salvage fleet.

A meeting was held with all parties to review and approve the salvage plan.

Operations began at 11:20 AM. Divers attached additional lift bags and the crane's lifting straps to the M/V *Pegasus*. The initial attempt to raise the vessel was not successful.

Additional lift bags were attached to the vessel and a second, successful attempt to raise the vessel was conducted. The cabin's roof broke the surface of the water at approximately 3:05 PM and dewatering operations started at 3:30 PM. A small quantity of diesel fuel was discharged while the boat was being raised and the fuel was contained in the boomed area and sorbent material was applied to the oil.

A Coast Guard/ADEC Joint Response Team conducted a shoreline survey to determine the impact to Sunshine Cove. Weathered and some fresh sheen was noted along the north shore of the cove and near the salvage site. The sheen is unrecoverable and will attenuate naturally.

Coast Guard Sector Juneau's Chief of Response and the ADEC Field SOSC approved a transit plan for the M/V *Pegasus*. The vessel will be shifted to a nearby dock and boomed off. The PRP will remove equipment and all fuel from the vessel. The Coast Guard will then allow the vessel to transit to Wrangell, Alaska for repairs after it has been inspected.

Dewatering of the vessel was completed at approximately 6:30 PM, all sorbent materials were recovered and the boom separated in preparation for the transit to Yankee Cove.

SOURCE CONTROL: The vessels fuel vents were plugged at approximately 6:30 PM on July 24, 2007.

RESOURCES AFFECTED: The waters and shoreline of Lynn Canal have been impacted by the spill. On July 24, 2006, the ADEC and U. S. Coast Guard joint response team noted small amounts of oil along the shoreline of Sunshine Cove released during the sinking of the vessel. Sheen was also noted in the vicinity of the M/V *Pegasus* during salvage operations. Sensitive resources in the area include anadromous streams, marine mammals and sea birds. There are no reports of impacts to birds or other wildlife in the area. A commercial gillnet fishery open just south of the site has not been impacted and was scheduled to close at noon on July 26 and reopen on Sunday, July 29, 2007. The State of Alaska has a zero tolerance policy of no oil on seafood products to protect the integrity, quality and reputation of Alaska seafood. If a vessel or nets are observed in an oil slick, State Environmental Health Seafood Inspectors will examine the vessel's catch or gear to ensure the seafood products are safe to eat and free of oil contamination.

FUTURE PLANS AND RECOMMENDATIONS:

The PRP will remove gear and all fuel oil from the tanks of the M/V *Pegasus*. After removal the Coast Guard will inspect the vessel prior to the vessel being permitted to transit to Wrangell, Alaska for repairs.

The PRP will clean and/or replace all ADEC provided spill response materials.

WEATHER: Current weather in the vicinity is cloudy with southeast winds to 10 MPH and temperatures in the mid 60s.

UNIFIED COMMAND AND PERSONNEL:

Incident Commander: Mitch Falk (PRP)
 F.O.S.C.: Capt. Mark Guillory, USCG
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 Field S.O.S.C.: Scot Tiernan, ADEC

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