

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

SITUATION REPORT

INCIDENT NAME: *F/V Westward* Grounding

SITREP #: 1

SPILL NUMBER: 08119904801

LEDGER CODE: Requested

TIME/DATE OF SPILL: 1:47 AM February 17, 2008

TIME/DATE OF SITUATION REPORT: 1:15 PM February 18, 2008

TIME/DATE OF THE NEXT REPORT: 3:00 PM February 19, 2008

TYPE/AMOUNT OF PRODUCT SPILLED: There has been not an estimate of the amount of product discharged at this time. The vessel's has a capacity of 4,000 gallons of diesel fuel in four tanks and also has the capacity to carry 150 gallons of lube oil and 150 gallons of hydraulic oil.

LOCATION: The vessel grounded and sank near Pt. Ildefonso on west side of Prince of Wales Island. The casualty site is approximately 6 miles northwest of Klawock, Alaska and 65 miles northwest of Ketchikan, Alaska.

CAUSE OF SPILL: The vessel grounded and sank.

POTENTIAL RESPONSIBLE PARTY (PRP): *F/V Westward* LLC, 10000 Juniper Hollow Lane, Prineville , OR 97754.

RESPONSE ACTION: At 1:47 AM February 17, 2008 the fish tender vessel *Westward* issued a mayday reporting itself aground with the engine and generator rooms flooded. The *F/V Confidence* responded to the mayday to assist and removed two persons from the *Westward* according to the Coast Guard.

At 6:30 AM the captain of the *F/V Josie J* and the Craig Harbor Master load seven sections of ADEC oil containment boom, prepositioned in Craig, Alaska, onto the *Josie J* for transport to the site of the casualty. The boom was successfully deployed around the *Westward* and anchored to the shoreline.

Coast Guard Sector Juneau contracted with the Southeast Alaska Petroleum Resource Organization (SEAPRO) for site assessment and the SEAPRO oil spill response vessel (OSRV) *Rudyard Bay* departed Ketchikan en route Klawock at 7:30 AM.

A Coast Guard helicopter from Sitka, Alaska conducted an overflight of the stricken vessel at approximately 8:50 AM and reported a 2.5 nautical Mile (NM) long sheen coming off the vessel. The helicopter crew also reported the containment boom transported to the scene had been deployed.

SEAPRO's Director and Operations Manager flew to the site via charter float plane a10:30 AM to provide assistance on scene. At 12:15 PM SEAPRO responders load sorbent material, a skimmer and pumps onto the *F/V Confidence* for transfer to the site for potential oil recovery operations.

ADEC personnel reported the incident to the Alaska Department of Natural Resources (ADNR). ADNR reports that there are no mariculture resources in the immediate vicinity of the casualty. Alaska Department of Fish and Game (ADFG) was also notified of the casualty.

At 1:00 PM the ADEC spill responder from Ketchikan and Coast Guard Marine Safety Detachment (MSD) personnel depart Ketchikan via chartered aircraft to conduct a second overflight of the grounding. Additional photographs were taken of the vessel and surrounding area. The ADEC spill responder reports there is still sheen in

the area, the containment boom is in place and holding well and the local weather is clear but the winds are very strong.

The owner of the vessel reported all vents on the vessel's oil tanks were successfully plugged during the afternoon low tide on February 17th.

The vessel's owner arrived in Ketchikan at 10:00 AM on February 18th and immediately departed for Craig, Alaska.

SOURCE CONTROL: All fuel tank vents were plugged to prevent the discharge of oil. There remains a potential for the discharge of oil or oily mixtures from the vessel's bilge.

RESOURCES AFFECTED: The marine waters in the vicinity of Klawock, Alaska have been impacted. There are currently no reports of impacts to wildlife or the shoreline as a result of the casualty.

FUTURE PLANS AND RECOMMENDATIONS: SEAPRO's OSRV Rudyerd Bay and SEAPRO personnel remain on scene to monitor the situation. The Coast Guard is working with the vessel's owner to develop salvage and lightering plans for the vessel. ADEC continues to monitor the situation and provide information to other state agencies as appropriate

WEATHER: Current weather is cloudy with periods of rain, winds are from the southeast at 15 to 25 knots and gusting to 35 knots, the high temperature will be in the mid 40's. Seas to 6 feet are expected in the general vicinity of the grounding site.

UNIFIED COMMAND AND PERSONNEL:

Incident Commander: Jay Barnett, F/V Westward LLC
F.O.S.C.: Capt. Mark Guillory, USCG
S.O.S.C.: Scot W. Tiernan ADEC
Field S.O.S.C.: none at this time

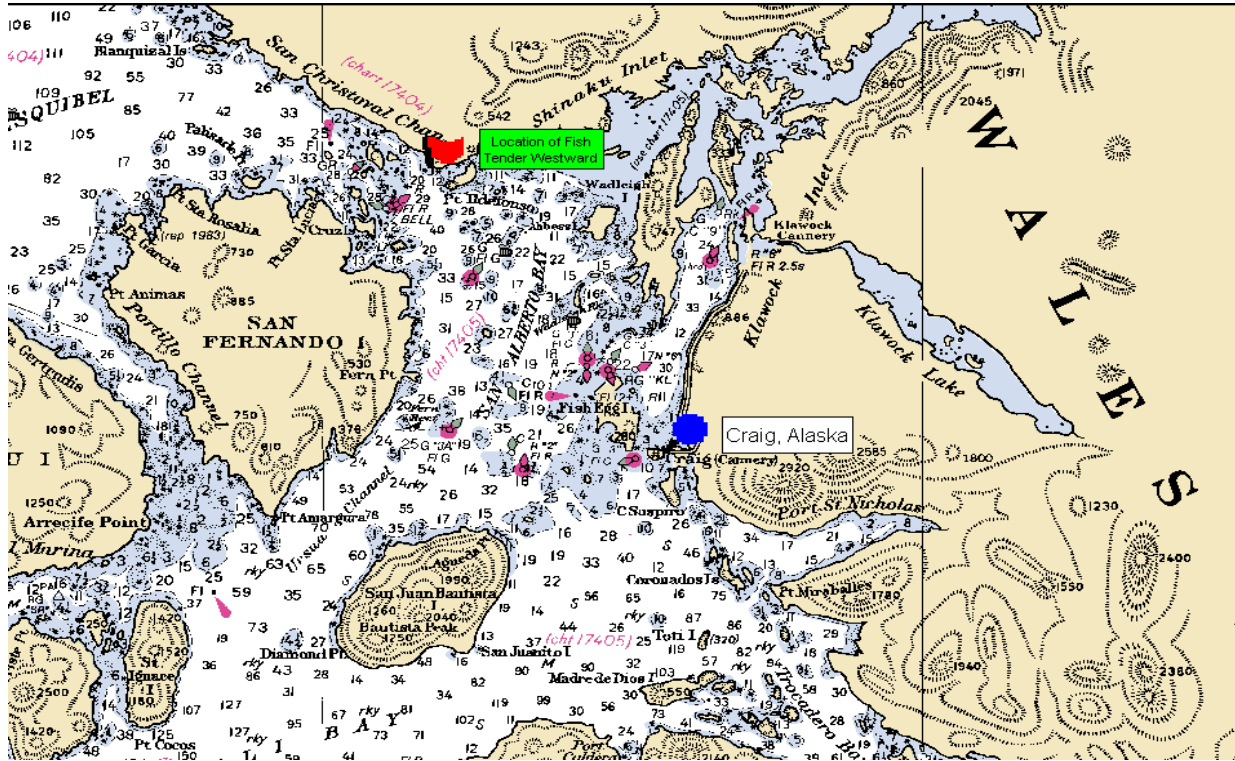
FOR ADDITIONAL INFORMATION CONTACT: Scot W. Tiernan at 907-465-5378 to 907-321-3428.

AGENCY/STAKEHOLDER NOTIFICATION LIST

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Fish Tender Westward aground.
 Photo by Bob Fultz, ADEC

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