

**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 #:** 3

**SPILL NUMBER:** 08119904801

**LEDGER CODE:** 14250260

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

**TIME/DATE OF SITUATION REPORT:** 3:00 PM February 20, 2008

**TIME/DATE OF THE NEXT REPORT:** 3:00 PM February 21, 2008

**TYPE/AMOUNT OF PRODUCT SPILLED:** There has not been an estimate of the amount of product discharged at this time. The vessel's owner reported that the vessel was carrying 4,000 gallons of diesel fuel in six tanks at the time of the grounding. The owner reported that the vessel also has the capacity to carry 150 gallons of lube oil and 150 gallons of hydraulic oil. The owner has clarified the total number of oil tanks onboard the vessel as six fuel tanks, two hydraulic oil tanks and a day tank which is located in the vessel's engine room. The owner was not able to confirm the exact amounts of fuel, lube and hydraulic oil the vessel had onboard at the time of the grounding.

**LOCATION:** The vessel grounded and sank against the shore 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:** The vessel remains grounded and boomed off along the shoreline of Prince of Wales Island. The vessel is almost completely submerged at high tide.

On the afternoon of February 19 the anadromous fish stream known as 11 Mile Creek was successfully boomed.

Vincent Maritime Services, a marine survey company under contract by the vessel's owner, contacted ADEC to discuss the need to remove the vessel from the location of the grounding. This issued was referred to Alaska Dept. of Natural Resources (ADNR), the land owner, for resolution. The ADNR has informed Vincent Maritime Services that the vessel and all contents must be removed from state tidelands.

In the early evening it was reported that Vincent Maritime Services had arranged for the discharge of the *F/V Westward's* herring cargo into tidal waters. The State On Scene Coordinator (SOSC) ordered this operation to cease until a disposal plan was developed and approved by all state agencies involved. Vincent Maritime is preparing a draft disposal plan for the herring which will be presented to ADEC when completed. The ADEC Water Quality Division has been advised of possible disposal of the herring cargo and will be consulted on the final proposal when received.

On the afternoon/evening of February 20 Southeast Alaska Petroleum Resource Organization (SEAPRO) resumed lightering the fuel from the *F/V Westward* and removed an additional 2,000 gallons of fuel and 250 gallons of hydraulic oil. All tanks accessible for lightering have been emptied. The day tank in the engine room could not be accessed and fuel may remain in this tank. Over 4,000 gallons of oil was removed from the vessel over the previous two days and it is believed all accessible oil has been removed from the vessel.

On February 19 the Insurer of the vessel hired Meredith Management to act as a representative of the company in responding to the pollution threat posed by the vessel. A representative of Meredith Management arrived in Craig, Alaska on the morning of February 20. He requested a representative of the ADEC come to the scene to assist in the management of the incident. A responder from the Ketchikan office of ADEC was dispatched and will be on scene in the early evening of February 20.

Meredith Management also requested additional pollution response resources from SEAPRO's Ketchikan Warehouse. The Oil Response Barge (ORB) 2 is scheduled to depart Ketchikan at approximately 3:30 PM February 20. The transit of the ORB 2 will take 18 to 24 hours depending on weather encountered en route.

A Unified Command teleconference was conducted at 11:00 AM February 20 to address all unresolved issues.

**SOURCE CONTROL:** All fuel tank vents were plugged to prevent the discharge of oil. All currently recoverable oil has been removed from the vessel. 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 and will continue to lighter fuel and oils as permitted by tide and weather conditions. SEAPRO's ORB 2 will travel to the site with additional pollution response equipment. An ADEC spill responder will arrive in the area the afternoon of February 20 as the SOSOC field representative. A plan for the disposal of the cargo of herring will be completed and reviewed for approval. The Coast Guard continues to work with the vessel's owner on salvage and lightering plans. ADEC continues to monitor the situation and provide information to other State and federal agencies. The Coast Guard will continue its casualty and pollution investigations.

**WEATHER:** Current weather is rainy and windy with temperatures in the upper 40's. Winds are southwest at 35 with gusts to 45. A wind advisory is in effect for the area.

**UNIFIED COMMAND AND PERSONNEL:**

Incident Commander: Jay Barnett, F/V Westward LLC  
F.O.S.C.: Capt. Mark Guillory, USCG  
S.O.S.C.: Bob Mattson ADEC  
Field S.O.S.C.: Robert Fultz

**FOR ADDITIONAL INFORMATION CONTACT:** Scot W. Tiernan at 907-465-5378 to 907-321-3428.  
Photographs and other spill information will be made available for viewing at  
<http://www.dec.state.ak.us/spar/perp/index.htm>

## **AGENCY/STAKEHOLDER NOTIFICATION LIST**

This sitrep has been distributed via email to the Governor's office, ADF&G, ADNR, SECC, USEPA, USDOJ, NMFS, USFWS, and USFS in addition to the following.

| Agency               | Name                       | Sent Via | Additional Info          | Telephone | Fax      |
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| FV Westward LLC      | Jay Barnett                | Fax      |                          |           |          |
| Senate Dist. C       | Senator Al Kookesh         | Fax      | session                  | 465-3473  | 465-2827 |
| House Dist. 5        | Representative Bill Thomas | Fax      | session                  | 465-3732  | 465-2652 |
| USCG (MSD Ketchikan) | LT Jason Boyer             | Email    | jason.a.boyer@uscg.mil   | 225-4496  | 225-4499 |
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| USDA Forest Service - Tongass Env. Engineer | Michele Marie Parker           | Email  | mmparker@fs.fed.us                | 772-5850 | 772-5895 |
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| Klawock Cooperative Association             | President Webster Demmert, III | Fax    |                                   | 755-2265 | 755-8800 |
| City of Craig                               | Mayor Dennis Watson            | fax    |                                   | 826-3275 | 826-3278 |
| City of Klawock                             | Mayor Donald Marvin            | E-mail | dmarvin@cityofklawock.com         | 755-2261 | 755-2403 |
| SEAPRO                                      | Dave Owings                    | Email  | dave@seapro.org                   | 225-7002 | 247-1117 |