

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 #: 4

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 22, 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.

An ADEC Spill responder arrived in Craig on the afternoon of February 20 and assumed the position of Field State On Scene Coordinator (SOSC).

Vincent Maritime Service submitted a draft herring disposal plan on the afternoon of February 20. This plan was rejected as not meeting State water quality requirements. This information was provided to Vincent Maritime in a teleconference at approximately 4:30 on February 20. Vincent Maritime drafted a new plan and presented it to the SOSC at approximately 6:00 PM. This plan met all State water quality requirements and was approved with certain conditions. One condition required the removal of the herring, pumped out of the Westward on the evening of February 19, from the surface waters and on the shoreline. This action is being required to prevent fouling of the shoreline or possibly causing adverse affects on local bird and marine mammal populations that might come into contact with the potentially contaminated herring.

The removal of the herring has begun and will continue until completed; all herring floating on the surface waters has been collected. Removal of herring on the beach will occur later today and tomorrow. In conjunction with the herring removal, the Southeast Alaska Petroleum Resource Organization (SEAPRO) recommended bird hazing be initiated to prevent birds from foraging on the potentially contaminated herring. Passive hazing measures using mylar tape, flags and similar materials were to be put in place on the evening of February 20 but wind conditions prevented deployment. SEAPRO personnel completed an active hazing plan in the event it is needed; this plan was submitted to the SOSC for review and comment.

SEAPRO's Oil Response Barge (ORB) 2 arrived on scene at approximately 11:00 AM today, February 21, and response personnel began to prepare the inflatable Ro-Boom on the ORB 2 for deployment.

The Field SOSC reports that there is little to no petroleum sheen in the vicinity of the *F/V Westward* at this time but there appears to be some herring oil in the water around the vessel. He also reports that the day tank in the engine room is still inaccessible and will require a diver to determine if fuel remains in the tank. There are currently no divers available to conduct this examination. Sorbent materials were placed in the engine room to recover any free floating oil located there.

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. To date there have been no reports of impacts to wildlife or the shoreline as a result of the casualty.

FUTURE PLANS AND RECOMMENDATIONS: SEAPRO's ORB 2 crew will complete preparation for deployment of the Ro-Boom on the barge at low tide today. The 40-inch Ro-Boom will replace the 20-inch ADEC containment boom, which will be cleaned, repaired and returned to the response equipment cache in Craig.

The containment boom deployed at 11 Mile Creek will be reset to provide better protection of that waterway after the Ro-Boom has been deployed.

Once the Ro-Boom is deployed, the *F/V Confidence* will begin removing the herring from the *F/V Westward's* cargo hold. Removal of herring from the water and shoreline in the vicinity of the vessel continues. The recovered herring will be transported to an area outside State waters for ultimate disposal.

Passive bird hazing measures will be put in place on the afternoon of February 21. SEAPRO personnel will continue to pursue an active bird hazing permit if that is deemed necessary.

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 sunny with calm winds and temperatures in the upper 40's.

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.

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