

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 #: 6

SPILL NUMBER: 08119904801

LEDGER CODE: 14250260

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

TIME/DATE OF SITUATION REPORT: 4:00 PM on February 25, 2008

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

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

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. The 11 Mile Creek also remains boomed off.

The ADEC responder on scene conducted a shoreline survey on Saturday, February 23, 2008. There was no evidence of shoreline oiling and no herring were found on the shoreline during the survey.

Two loads of herring, totaling approximately 70 tons, were inspected by the ADEC and US Coast Guard (USCG) field representatives on site. After a satisfactory inspection, ADEC and USCG permitted the herring be disposed of in accordance with the approved disposal plan. The *F/V Confidence*, after disposing of the herring, was cleaned and inspected by ADEC Environmental Health personnel. ADEC Environmental Health issued a certification to conduct fishing for bait herring on February 24, 2008, after which the *F/V Confidence* then returned to complete the herring disposal operations.

A quantity of herring was discovered on the deck of the *F/V Westward*. These herring were removed by hand and bagged as potentially contaminated by diesel oil. The bagged herring will be disposed of as contaminated waste.

On Saturday February 23, 2008, an additional 250 gallon tank was discovered on the starboard side of the main deck by the ADEC and USCG field representatives. The tank appeared to contain used oil. This tank was not previously reported to ADEC or USCG. An estimated 125 gallons of an oil water mixture was pumped from this tank to the *OSRV Rudyard Bay*. Pumping operations were stopped when the oil became too thick to pump with the available equipment

A small amount of diesel oil was observed being discharged from a door on the main deck of *F/V Confidence*. The door was dogged down to prevent further discharge of oil from the vessel. Absorbent pads from the ADEC Spill Response Container in Craig were used to clean up the estimated 2-3 gallons of oil that escaped.

The ADEC field representative on scene returned to Ketchikan on Sunday, February 24, 2008; while the Coast Guard representative returned the day before.

The SEAPRO oil spill response vessel *Rudyard Bay* was demobilized and is returning to Ketchikan. SEAPRO is maintaining a team of response personnel to provide spill response capability during the salvage operation until the Unified Command determines that the threat of pollution from the vessel no longer exists.

Jay Barnett, owner of F/V Westward LLC, arrived on scene with a second fish tender vessel named the *Logger*. A salvage company, Diversified Inc. from Bremerton, Washington, also arrived on scene and is preparing a salvage plan for submission to USCG.

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, the used oil tank and the day tank in the engine room.

RESOURCES AFFECTED: The marine waters in the vicinity of Klawock, Alaska have been impacted. To date there have been no reports of oil impacts to wildlife or the shoreline as a result of the casualty. The herring previously discharged in the immediate vicinity of the vessel have been removed from surface waters and the shoreline.

FUTURE PLANS AND RECOMMENDATIONS: The ADEC and USCG field representative team will return to the site of the casualty on the afternoon of February 25, 2008 to conduct the inspection and organoleptic testing of the last of the herring cargo scheduled for disposal. The ADEC field representative will then return to Ketchikan. After the inspection by ADEC and the USCG, the *F/V Confidence* will dispose of the remaining herring in accordance with the approved disposal plan. After disposal, the *F/V Confidence* will return to Craig for cleaning, inspection and certification by ADEC Environmental Health personnel.

The salvage contractor will prepare and submit a salvage plan to the Coast Guard for approval.

The ADEC and USCG field representatives will return to the site of the grounding at the commencement of salvage operations to monitor the situation.

USCG will continue to work with the vessel owner and their contractor on salvage and lightering plans. ADEC continues to monitor the situation. USCG continues their casualty and pollution investigations.

WEATHER: Current weather is cloudy, with scattered showers, winds are light and variable and the temperature is in the low 40s.

UNIFIED COMMAND AND PERSONNEL:

Incident Commander: Mike Popa, (The Meredith Management Group, Inc.)

F.O.S.C.: Capt. Mark Guillory (USCG)

S.O.S.C.: Bob Mattson (ADEC)

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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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FV Westward prior to replacement of ADEC 20" containment boom with SEAPRO 40" boom and collection of herring from within the boom.