

**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 #:** 7

**SPILL NUMBER:** 08119904801

**LEDGER CODE:** 14250260

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

**TIME/DATE OF SITUATION REPORT:** 3:00 PM on February 26, 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. 11 Mile Creek also remains boomed off.

The ADEC Field SOSC traveled to the site on February 25, 2008 to conduct organoleptic testing of the last load of herring scheduled for disposal per the approved disposal plan. A small quantity of potentially contaminated herring was found on the deck of the vessel. These herring were segregated and bagged, and will be disposed of as contaminated waste. After inspecting the herring, the ADEC Field SOSC returned to Ketchikan. The exact amount of herring on board the *F/V Westward* cannot be accurately determined because it was the catch from the *F/V Confidence*. All reported quantities of fish were estimates from the crews of the vessels involved.

The *F/V Confidence*, after disposing of the herring, return to Craig for decontamination and inspection by an ADEC Environmental Health Officer. Upon satisfactory inspection, the vessel was allowed to resume fishing.

The Southeast Alaska Petroleum Resource Organization (SEAPRO) Oil Response Barge (ORB) 2 was demobilized on Sunday February 24, 2008 and returned to Ketchikan with the SEAPRO's response vessel, the OSRV Rudyerd Bay.

Three SEAPRO responders remain on scene to recover any discharge of oil that may occur from the *F/V Westward*. Oil absorbent pads and booms have been placed inside the accessible spaces on the vessel and inside the Ro-boom surrounding the vessel as a precaution against any future discharges.

A US Coast Guard (USCG) representative remains on scene while the salvage company prepares a proposed salvage plan.

**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 inaccessible 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:** A salvage diver will conduct a survey of the engine room and the exterior hull of the *F/V Westward* when permitted by local weather conditions. The information gained in the survey of the vessel will be used in preparing the salvage proposal for submission to the USCG.

The ADEC Field SOSC may return to the site of the grounding at the commencement of salvage operations to monitor the situation if required.

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

**WEATHER:** Current weather is rain, windy with SE winds from 20 to 30 MPH and gusts to 45 MPH, temperatures in the mid 40s. There is a wind advisory in affect until 10 AM February 27, 2008. A wind advisory means sustained wind speeds or frequent gusts from 40 to 60 MPH will occur.

**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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**FOR ADDITIONAL INFORMATION CONTACT:** Scot W. Tiernan at 907-465-5378. 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**

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F/V Westward grounded on February 17, 2008 near Pt. Ildefonso on west side of Prince of Wales Island. ADEC containment boom has been replaced with SEAPRO's Ro-Boom from Ketchikan to surround the vessel for the salvage operation. 22Feb2008 ADEC Photo BFultz

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