

**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 #:** 8

**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 March 3, 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 *F/V Westward's* hull was patched and the vessel dewatered on the afternoon of Friday, February 29, 2008. The vessel was then moved to Craig, Alaska arriving at approximately 7:30 PM. The vessel was placed on the grid at 6:00 AM March 1 during the high tide. As the tide receded the vessel began to take on a port list; the list increase until one of the mooring blocks shifted, puncturing a hole in the hull, and flooding the vessel. When the mooring block penetrated the hull it fractured the sight glass on the engine room day tank. An estimated 35 to 40 gallons was released from the tank into the engine room. Water entering the engine room prevented oil from being released to the environment. This oil was recovered using sorbent materials.

Repairs to the damage caused by the mooring block were made, the vessel refloated and placed back on the grid on Sunday, March 2, 2008 where additional patching of the hull was conducted. This morning, March 3, the *F/V Westward* was taken off the grid and moved to the nearby dock and moored with the *F/V Logger* alongside. The owner of the vessel is in the process of removing damaged material and debris from the interior of the vessel. The large quantity of sorbent material placed in the hull to recover any trapped oil is also being removed.

The ADEC 20-inch containment boom in place at 11 Mile Creek was retrieved and used to encircle the *F/V Westward* while on the grid and at its current location.

The Southeast Alaska Petroleum Resource Organization's (SEAPRO) Ro-Boom has been recovered and will be returned to SEAPRO.

**SOURCE CONTROL:** All fuel tank vents were plugged to prevent the discharge of oil. All currently recoverable oil has been removed from the vessel. The vessel was refloated and is moored at the Craig Boat Harbor.

**RESOURCES AFFECTED:** The marine waters in the vicinity of Klawock, Alaska were impacted by oil discharged from the vessel. To date there have been no reports of oil impacts to wildlife or the shoreline as a result of the casualty.

**FUTURE PLANS AND RECOMMENDATIONS:** Cleaning of the interior spaces of the *Westward* will continue.

Once the cleaning of the interior spaces has been completed the ADEC Field SOSC and USCG field representative from Ketchikan will travel to Craig to determine all pollutants have been removed from the vessel or otherwise secured and no longer represent a potential threat to the environment. Once that determination has been made by the ADEC and USCG field representatives, the containment boom around the vessel will be removed and demobilized from the response.

According to the Meredith Management Group representative Mike Popa, the vessel may be moved to the North Dock in Craig where it will remain until a final decision on the fate of the vessel is made.

Mike Popa will arrange for the replacement of ADEC supplied sorbent materials and for cleaning, repairs and/or replacement of ADEC containment boom used during the pollution response.

The USCG will continue its pollution and casualty investigations. The ADEC continues to monitor the situation.

**WEATHER:** Current weather is partly cloudy, temperature around 42° and the winds are from the northwest at 15 to 25 MPH.

**UNIFIED COMMAND AND PERSONNEL:**

Incident Commander: Mike Popa (The Meredith Management Group, Inc.)  
F.O.S.C.: Capt. Mark Guillory (USCG)  
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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**

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

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