

**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 #:** 9 and Final

**SPILL NUMBER:** 08119904801

**LEDGER CODE:** 14250260

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

**TIME/DATE OF SITUATION REPORT:** 2:30 PM March 17, 2008

**TIME/DATE OF THE NEXT REPORT:** This is the final report.

**TYPE/AMOUNT OF PRODUCT SPILLED:** No estimate for the amount of product discharged will be made. The vessel's owner estimates that the vessel was carrying 4,000 gallons of diesel fuel at the time of the grounding; with capacity for 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 that was onboard the vessel at the time of the grounding.

**LOCATION:** The vessel grounded and sank against the shore near Pt. Ildefonso on the 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:** Repairs to the *F/V Westward* have been completed and cleaning of the interior of the vessel is also complete. All fuel tanks have been examined and are free of oil products. The vessel is now moored at the North Dock in Craig, Alaska. Vincent Maritime personnel who were overseeing the salvage operations have departed Craig, AK

All sorbent material used during the response and the majority of the oil recovered were taken to Ketchikan, AK by the Southeast Alaska Petroleum Resource Organization (SEAPRO) and disposed of at a local fuel dealer. A small portion of the recovered oil, approximately 150 gallons, was turned over to the Craig Harbormaster for use in a used oil heating system.

The ADEC containment boom used during the spill response and while repairs were made to the vessel in Craig, has been cleaned and placed in storage. Two sections of boom that were damaged during the response are scheduled for replacement by the Meredith Management Group (MMG).

The ADEC sorbent material used in the response is being replaced by MMG. The replacement sorbents will arrive in Craig on March 18, 2008 and the Craig Harbormaster will place the sorbent material in the ADEC response containers.

**SOURCE CONTROL:** All fuel tanks have been emptied, inspected and are reported free of product.

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

**FUTURE PLANS AND RECOMMENDATIONS:** The *F/V Westward* will remain moored in Craig, AK until the owner decides on the final disposition of the vessel at some future date.

The USCG will continue its pollution and casualty investigations. ADEC will forward a cost recovery package to the Department of Law.

**WEATHER:** N/A

**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)  
 Field S.O.S.C.: Robert Fultz (ADEC)

**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, ADNR, SECC, USEPA, USDOJ, NMFS, USFWS, and USFS in addition to the following.

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