

ALASKA DEPARTMENT OF ENVIRONMENTAL CONSERVATION
Division of Spill Prevention and Response
Prevention and Emergency Response Program

SITUATION REPORT

INCIDENT NAME: F/V Northern Mariner

SITREP #: 1

SPILL NUMBER: 08229922001

LEDGER CODE: Requested

TIME/DATE OF INCIDENT: The vessel grounding in Prince William Sound was reported to U.S. Coast Guard (USCG) at 2:09 AM on August 8, 2008.

TIME/DATE OF SITUATION REPORT: 12:00 PM on August 8, 2008

TIME/DATE OF THE NEXT REPORT: 12:00 PM on August 9, 2008

TYPE/AMOUNT OF PRODUCT SPILLED: The vessel reportedly has 20,000 gallons of diesel and 300 gallons of lube oil on board. This is a potential spill as no sheening has been observed at this time.

LOCATION: Flemming Island in Prince William Sound. The reported location is 60° 10.58' N, 148° 00.18' W.

CAUSE OF SPILL: This is a potential spill. F/V Northern Mariner, a 91-ft vessel, intentionally grounded in shallow water on Flemming Island after the vessel struck a rock. A one foot hole was reported in the engine room and vessel began flooding. The four crew members abandoned the vessel to life raft and were picked up by F/V Tenacious. No injuries were reported from the incident.

POTENTIAL RESPONSIBLE PARTY (PRP): Northern Mariner LLC, Seattle, WA

RESPONSE ACTIONS: Response contractors Alaska Chadux, SERVS, and R & R Diving have been mobilized and response personnel are on site with boom. Vessels from Valdez and Cordova are en route with additional boom and bladders. USCG MSU Valdez initiated opening of the Oil Spill Liability Trust Fund (OSLTF) to federalize portions of the response. No oil is visible in the water at this time. ADEC responder from Anchorage has been dispatched to Valdez.

SOURCE CONTROL: Crew re-boarded the vessel at low tide and plugged vents prior to departing the incident location.

RESOURCES AFFECTED: Marine waters of Prince William Sound near Flemming Island. No oiled wildlife has been observed.

FUTURE PLANS AND RECOMMENDATIONS: Containment boom will be deployed around vessel and a plan for lightering of fuel and lube oil is being developed. A salvage plan is also being developed for making temporary repairs, refloating, and transport to a repair facility. Protection booming is being considered for Sawmill Bay hatchery and the village of Chenega.

WEATHER: Partly cloudy in the morning with increasing clouds and isolated showers in the afternoon. Highs in the upper 50s to mid 60s. Northwest wind 10 to 15 mph in the morning becoming light later in the day.

UNIFIED COMMAND AND PERSONNEL

Incident Commander:	Kevin Valdestad (F/V Northern Mariner)
F.O.S.C.:	Darryl Verfaillie, Commander (USCG)
S.O.S.C.:	Gary Folley (ADEC)

FOR ADDITIONAL INFORMATION CONTACT:

ADEC: Gary Folley (907) 262-5210 ext. 234

USCG: Valdez. – LCDR Hofferber (907) 835-7208.

AGENCY/STAKEHOLDER NOTIFICATION LIST

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