

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 #: 2

SPILL NUMBER: 08229922001

LEDGER CODE: 14269960

TIME/DATE OF INCIDENT: The vessel grounding near Flemming Island in Prince William Sound was reported to U.S. Coast Guard (USCG) at 8:09 PM on August 7, 2008. USCG notified ADEC at 9:54 PM on August 7, 2008.

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

TIME/DATE OF THE NEXT REPORT: 12:00 PM on August 10, 2008

TYPE/AMOUNT OF PRODUCT SPILLED: The vessel master estimates 25,000 to 28,000 gallons of diesel fuel, and 350 gallons of lube and hydraulic oil were on board when it grounded. This is a potential spill. Light sheening associated with residual oil from the compromised engine room was observed at the time of grounding; however, as of August 9, 2008, no further sheening has been observed.

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

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

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

RESPONSE ACTIONS: On August 8, 2008, response contractors placed 300-ft of boom around the vessel to contain any potential spills. Additionally, the USCG directed protection booming at the Sawmill Bay Salmon Hatchery to prevent any potential spill from entering the sensitive area. R & R Diving arrived on scene on August 8, 2008 and commence lightering of the vessel fuel tanks. Approximately 3,500 gallons of diesel fuel was lightered on August 8, 2008 and approximately 1,500 gallons of diesel fuel was lightered this morning. R & R Diving will continue to lighter the fuel tanks as the weather and tide permit.

Over 350,000 lbs of pink salmon on board will remain on board for vessel stability. The final disposition of the salmon will be determined at a later time.

ADEC responder from Anchorage arrived at the Unified Command in Valdez on August 8, 2008 in the late afternoon.

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: R& R Diving will continue with lightering of the vessel and the response contractors will remain on site to protect sensitive areas and respond to any spill that may occur during lightering operation. Unified Command will determine a potential place of refuge where the vessel can be transported after it is safely refloated so that vessel damage can be assessed and repaired.

WEATHER: Mostly cloudy with light rain. Highs in 50° F. Variable winds at 10 kt. Seas 2 ft or less. Tonight, light rain. Lows in 40° F. Southeast winds at 10 kt. Seas 2 ft or less.

UNIFIED COMMAND AND PERSONNEL

Incident Commander.....Kevin Valdestad (Northern Mariner LLC)
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
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AGENCY/STAKEHOLDER NOTIFICATION LIST

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F/V Northern Mariner grounded off of Flemming Island, Prince William Sound.
Photo provided by the Unified Command.