

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 #: 3

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 10, 2008

TIME/DATE OF THE NEXT REPORT: 12:00 PM on August 11, 2008

TYPE/AMOUNT OF PRODUCT SPILLED: The vessel master estimates 25,000 to 28,000 gallons of diesel fuel, and 350 gallons of lube oil and hydraulic fluid 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. Two 15-in by 1-in tear was reported in the port 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 9, 2008, approximately 13,000 gallons of diesel fuel was recovered. Approximately 11,000 gallons of diesel fuel still remains to be lightered. The amount of diesel fuel on board is less than initially estimated by the master. The tanks containing lube oil and hydraulic fluid could not be accessed due its location in the vessel. The engine remains flooded at this time.

USCG directed 6,907 ft of protection booming at the Chenega Village. The response contractor, Alaska Chadux Corporation, is on site maintaining the boom around the vessel and assisting with the lightering operation.

The vessel master was brought back to the incident location late afternoon yesterday, August 9, 2008, from Whittier to assist in the recovery operation. The master salvor is scheduled to arrive on site late this afternoon to direct the vessel salvage. In addition, Storm Chasers Marine Services Inc. from Seward is being mobilized to the incident location to assist with the salvage operation.

The 350,000 lbs of pink salmon still remains on board. The salmon will be offloaded to a tender vessel. The tank holding the salmon will be filled with water as it is being offloaded to maintain the vessel stability. Tender vessel Roberta M is en route from Cordova and is estimated to arrive tonight. Final disposition of the salmon will be determined once the tender vessel arrives in Kodiak and inspected for fuel contamination.

One ADEC responder from Anchorage is at the Valdez Command Center as part of the Unified Command.

SOURCE CONTROL: Crew re-boarded the vessel at low tide and plugged vents prior to departing the incident location. Continue lightering of the diesel fuel on board.

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 or refloating of the vessel.

Offload 350,000 lbs of pink salmon to the tender vessel Roberta M and transport to Kodiak.

Finalize a salvage plan to refloat the vessel so that temporary repairs can be made to the vessel hull.

The ADEC responder will remain at the Command Center in Valdez to monitor the situation.

WEATHER: Showers in the morning then isolated showers in the afternoon. Highs in the mid 50s to lower 60s. Southwest winds 15 kt becoming variable to 10 kt in the afternoon with 3 ft seas. Tonight, mostly cloudy and lows in the 40s. Variable winds to 10 kt and 2 ft seas.

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)

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Containment boom was placed around the F/V Northern Mariner to capture any potential spill.
Photo provided by the Unified Command.