

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

SITUATION REPORT

INCIDENT NAME: M/V Saltery Provider Sinking

SITREP #: 3

SPILL NUMBER: 08119923101

LEDGER CODE: 14270360

TIME/DATE OF SPILL: 5:30 AM on August 18, 2008. The spill was reported to ADEC by the US Coast Guard at 6:20 AM on August 18, 2008.

TIME/DATE OF SITUATION REPORT: 12:00 PM on August 21, 2008

TIME/DATE OF THE NEXT REPORT: As the situation warrants.

TYPE/AMOUNT OF PRODUCT SPILLED: An undetermined quantity of diesel fuel has been spilled. The owner of the landing craft Saltery Provider has reported that a total of 3,400 gallons of diesel fuel was onboard the vessel. The vessel was transporting a tanker truck which contained an additional 2,500 gallons of diesel fuel. The vessel has seeped fuel but the tanker truck maintained integrity and did not leak.

LOCATION: The Sportsman's Cove Lodge in Saltery Cove on Prince of Wales Island.

CAUSE OF SPILL: The landing craft Saltery Provider, with fuel truck on board, docked at the lodge in approximately 80 feet of water at 10:00 PM on August 17, 2008. At 5:30 AM on August 18, 2008 the lodge staff found the vessel capsized and ripped free of the dock. The vessel maintained partial buoyancy long enough to tow it to shallower water. The cause of the sinking is unknown at this time. No injuries were reported.

POTENTIAL RESPONSIBLE PARTY (PRP): Southeast Alaska Sport Fishing Adventures, Inc., Ketchikan, AK.

RESPONSE ACTION: The fuel was removed from the tanker truck on August 19, 2008 and the truck was lifted onto a construction barge with a crane. The total fuel load of 2,500 gallons was recovered from the tanker truck.

Salvage efforts began on the vessel on August 20, 2008 using the crane on the construction barge and float bags. Float bags and lifting straps were attached to the vessel; the vessel's deck was raised to the water's surface and dewatering operations started. During the dewatering operations, one lifting strap broke and one float bag was damaged, halting operations. An estimated 3,000 gallons of oil/water mixture was pumped to an ISO tank on the barge before the lifting strap failed.

The vessel was moved shoreward yesterday evening with the stern towards the shore and mooring lines installed from the stern of the vessel to trees onshore. The vessel now sits grounded with the deck above water at low tide. Dewatering operations resumed this morning and are expected to be completed by the evening.

During salvage operations the vessel discharged approximately 50 gallons of diesel fuel within the boomed area. Sorbent boom, sweep, and pads are being maintained within the containment boom to recover the spilled oil. SEAPRO has provided a small skimmer for oil collection within the containment boom. The three layers of boom are being maintained around the vessel and salvage barge, and will remain deployed until the salvage operations are complete.

The exclusion boom at the anadromous streams in Saltery Cove was removed August 20, 2008. No sheen has approached the streams because of the extensive source booming.

The USCG has a patrol boat on scene to provide current weather updates.

The ADEC spill responder has returned to Ketchikan, Alaska, on August 20, 2008.

SOURCE CONTROL: The tanker truck has been emptied and removed from Saltery Cove. The vents onboard the Saltery Provider were plugged by divers. Approximately 3,000 gallons of oil water mix was removed from the vessel's fuel tanks for storage in the ISO tank on the construction barge. The remaining fuel is scheduled to be removed today.

RESOURCES AFFECTED: No oiled wildlife has been observed. Alaska Department of Fish and Game has been contacted regarding several anadromous stream in Saltery Cove; sheen has not impacted the streams.

FUTURE PLANS AND RECOMMENDATIONS: After the salvage operation is completed, the Saltery Provider will remain onsite until the USCG gives approval for supervised transit to Ketchikan for dry-docking.

SEAPRO is developing a waste management plan for disposal of oiled material and decontamination of the vessels involved in the salvage operation.

WEATHER: Today light winds become northwest 15 knots in the afternoon, seas building to 3 feet. Tomorrow's forecast is for rain with southeast wind increasing to 30 knots seas building to 6 feet.

UNIFIED COMMAND AND PERSONNEL:

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Photographs and other spill information are 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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