

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

**SITUATION REPORT**

**INCIDENT NAME:** F/V Mar-Gun Grounding St. George Island

**SITREP #:** 4

**SPILL NUMBER:** 09259906401

**LEDGER CODE:** 14251760

**TIME/DATE OF INCIDENT:** The US Coast Guard (USCG) Sector Anchorage notified ADEC at 6:15 AM on March 5, 2009 that the F/V Mar-Gun had run aground with five (5) people on board and was taking on water. The F/V Mar-Gun is a 112-foot trawl vessel.

**TIME/DATE OF SITUATION REPORT:** 2:00 PM on March 10, 2009

**TIME/DATE OF THE NEXT REPORT:** 2:00 PM on March 11, 2009

**TYPE/AMOUNT OF PRODUCT SPILLED:** An unknown amount of diesel fuel has been released. The vessel owner and crew informed the USCG that there were approximately 15,000 gallons of diesel fuel, and approximately 600 gallons of lube and hydraulic oil on board.

**LOCATION:** North shoreline of St. George Island, at approximately 56° 36' N. Latitude – 169° 36' W. Longitude. St George Island is one of the Pribilof Islands, located in the Bering Sea approximately 250 miles northwest of Dutch Harbor, Unalaska.

**CAUSE OF SPILL:** The cause of the grounding is being investigated by the USCG.

**POTENTIAL RESPONSIBLE PARTY (PRP):** Margun Enterprises, LLC.

**RESPONSE ACTIONS:** Calm weather conditions continued yesterday. An additional 3,500 gallons of fuel has been removed from the vessel by response personnel, which brings the total fuel removed in last 48 hours to approximately 5,780 gallons. The diesel fuel is being lightered to shore using pumps and hoses, and then transferred for storage in St. George Harbor. The 90-foot M/V Western Viking is due to arrive on site tonight with additional salvage and lightering gear to assist in the removal of lube and hydraulic oil. Currently, approximately 20 federal, state and local responders are on site.

**SOURCE CONTROL:** Prior to leaving the vessel, the crew began the process of transferring fuel from the port side fuel tanks into the starboard side tanks. Current estimates are that approximately 10,000 gallons of diesel fuel, and lube and hydraulic oil remain on board the vessel. No pollution has been observed in the area since immediately after the grounding on March 5, 2009.

**RESOURCES AFFECTED:** There have been no reports of impacted wildlife at this time. A Shoreline Cleanup Assessment Technique (SCAT) team has been making daily surveys of the shoreline and sensitive areas for any indications of impact.

**FUTURE PLANS AND RECOMMENDATIONS:** Continue vessel assessment. Continue to lighter off diesel fuel, and lube and hydraulic oil from the vessel as weather conditions allow. Develop a removal plan to remove the vessel from its current location once the fuel and oils have been removed. A teleconference, involving ADEC, National Marine Fisheries Service, St. George Traditional Council, and Polaris Applied Science, is scheduled for this afternoon to discuss plans to evaluate impacts on subsistence resources in the area.

**WEATHER:** Today: Small craft advisory. Southwest winds 15 KT. seas 8 feet, isolated snow showers, temperatures in the mid 30s.  
Wednesday: NW wind becoming variable 15 KT. seas 8 feet

**UNIFIED COMMAND AND PERSONNEL**

Incident Commander: Charlie Ellwanger (PRP)  
 F.O.S.C. : CDR. Joseph LoSciuto (USCG)  
 S.O.S.C. : Gary Folley (ADEC)  
 L.O.S.C. : Maxim Malavansky Jr. (St. George Traditional Council)

**FOR ADDITIONAL INFORMATION CONTACT:**

Gary Folley, ADEC, 262-5210 ext. 234 or,  
 Weld Royal, ADEC Public Information Officer, 465-5009/321-5491.

Photographs and other spill information are available for viewing at:  
[www.dec.state.ak.us/spar/perp/response/sum\\_fy09/090305201/090305201\\_index.htm](http://www.dec.state.ak.us/spar/perp/response/sum_fy09/090305201/090305201_index.htm)

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USEPA	Matt Carr	Fax		271-3616	271-3424
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DH Port Director	Alvin Osterback	Fax		581-1254	581-2519
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St. George Traditional Council	Maxim Malavansky Jr.	Fax		859-2447	859-2251
City of St. George		Fax		859-2205	859-2242
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