

**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 #:**8

**SPILL NUMBER:** 09259906401

**LEDGER CODE:** 14251760

**TIME/DATE OF SPILL:** 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 16, 2009

**TIME/DATE OF THE NEXT REPORT:** 2:00 PM on March 17, 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 oils on board. The actual amounts on board will be determined by lightered volumes.

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

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

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

**RESPONSE ACTION:** The consolidation and co-mingling of the remaining oils to the #3 starboard wing tank on board continued on Friday and Saturday. An estimated 100 gallons of lube oil remains to be transferred to this tank where it will be aerated and mixed with the less viscous diesel fuel. This is expected to make the mixture easier to pump to shore when that opportunity arises. Weather deteriorated considerably over the weekend which prevented the deployment of a 4 ton anchor which was to be used to improve stability for the vessel. The high winds and freezing spray shut down work on the vessel on Sunday although the lines and hoses continued to be monitored throughout this time. Several of the hoses used for transfer of diesel will be demobilized today. These hoses are located further up on the shoreline and will not be needed for the remaining fuel transfer operation. The M/V Western Viking departed on Sunday evening for Dutch Harbor where it will off-load collected product and waste and re-load with additional salvage gear critical to preparation of vessel recovery before returning to St. George.

**RESOURCES AFFECTED:** There have been no reports of impacted wildlife at this time. The Shoreline Cleanup Assessment Technique (SCAT) team will stand down for the present but will be re-activated if any new pollution event should occur.

**FUTURE PLANS AND RECOMMENDATIONS:** A subsistence sampling advisory group will be meeting today to address the plan for sampling which will take place after the vessel is recovered. A timeline is being developed for mobilization and execution of vessel recovery. A potential places of refuge document will be included as part of the vessel recovery plan which is still being developed. A plan for demobilizing the lightering system is also being developed.

**WEATHER:** Numerous snow showers, temperatures in the mid teens. Northeast winds 20 to 30 MPH.

**UNIFIED COMMAND AND PERSONNEL:**

Incident Commander: Charles 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  
 Weld Royal, ADEC Public Information Officer, 465-5009/321-5491

A Unified Command Web site has been established at  
<http://www.dec.state.ak.us/spar/perp/mar-gun>

**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.

AGENCY	NAME	Sent Via		Telephone	Facsimile
USCG Sector Anchorage	U.S. Coast Guard Sector Anchorage, Response Incident Management Division	Fax		271-6700	271-6751
USEPA	Matt Carr	Fax		271-3616	271-3424
OTHER	NAME	Sent Via	Session/Interim	Telephone	Facsimile
DH Port Director	Alvin Osterback	Fax		581-1254	581-2519
Unalaska Mayor	Shirley Marquardt	Fax		581-1211	581-1695
Aleut Regional Native Corporation/ANC office		Fax		561-4300	563-4328
St. George Traditional Council	Maxim Malavansky Jr	Fax		859-2447	859-2251
City of St George		Fax		859-2205	859-2242
Senate S/Bethel	Lyman Hoffman	Fax	Bethel/Juneau	465-4453	465-4523
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Lines iced from freezing spray.