

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 #: 14

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, a 112-foot trawl vessel had run aground with five (5) people on board and was taking on water.

TIME/DATE OF SITUATION REPORT: 1:00 PM on Tuesday, March 31, 2009

TIME/DATE OF THE NEXT REPORT: 2:00 PM on Thursday, April 2, 2009

TYPE/AMOUNT OF PRODUCT SPILLED: An unknown amount of diesel fuel has been released. 18,371 gallons of fluids have been removed from the vessel.

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: On the morning of Thursday March 26, 2009, thick but unconsolidated ice floes reached and surrounded the vessel making conditions too hazardous to attempt boarding.

On Friday, a sea-kayak was employed to transfer the crew to the vessel through the partially consolidated ice. The crew cleaned and dewatered the engine room and efforts continued to patch holes there. Additional work included clearing the main deck of accumulated ice, and removing deck boards, support brackets and steel bracing to expose the deck supports. This exposed area will serve as the foundation for the ground tackle to attach the main beach wires during vessel recovery. The incinerator was able to operate on Friday, burning ten bags of oily waste. Approximately twenty bags remain for future incineration.

Foul weather including high winds and freezing spray caused work on the vessel to be postponed over the weekend. Fabrication work did continue at the harbor. Shoreline Cleanup Assessment Technique (SCAT) operations were conducted on Sunday afternoon during an extreme low tide with no sign of shoreline contamination observed.

On Monday, heavy sea ice surrounded the vessel and extended to the horizon. On the vessel, crews continued to install patches in the engine room and fabricate the foundations for the ground tackle on the main deck. The largest leak in the engine room was repaired, but other smaller leaks remain to be patched. Helicopter operations transferred fabricated parts, two welding machines and tools (picks and wrecking bars for ice removal) to the vessel. There are now three operational welders on board. Two drums of oily waste were transferred to shore for delivery to the incinerator.

M/V Western Viking returned to St. George on Saturday and is currently being used for fabrication work in the harbor until needed for re-supply.

RESOURCES AFFECTED: There have been no reports of impacted wildlife at this time.

FUTURE PLANS AND RECOMMENDATIONS: Continue operations on board vessel and in temporary fabrication locations to prepare for vessel recovery. Send M/V Western Viking to/from Dutch Harbor as needed for salvage materials.

WEATHER: Partly to mostly cloudy, highs in the mid 20s, with variable winds to 10 mph.

UNIFIED COMMAND AND PERSONNEL:

Incident Commander: Kristina O'Connor (PRP)
 F.O.S.C. : CDR Joseph LoSciuto (USCG)
 S.O.S.C. : Gary Folley (ADEC)
 L.O.S.C. : Sally Mercurief (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, Senator Begich'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
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DH Port Director	Alvin Osterback	Fax		581-1254	581-2519
Unalaska Mayor	Shirley Marquardt	Fax		581-1211	581-1695
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St. George Traditional Council	Maxim Malavansky Jr	Fax		859-2447	859-2251
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