

**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 #:** 17

**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:** 2:00 PM on Thursday, April 9, 2009

**TIME/DATE OF THE NEXT REPORT:** 2:00 PM on Thursday, April 16, 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:** Salvors conducted vessel, helicopter and fabrication-operations during the past few days although weather prevents work on the vessel today.

On board the vessel, crews knocked off accumulated ice; prepped and completed laying a fairlead foundation to support recovery operations on the aft deck port and starboard; opened and visually inspected port wing tanks, some of which still contained some diesel and other fluids that were not accessible through the vents. These fluids were stripped from tanks 2 and 4, which are now empty. Fluids were transferred into four drums and removed by helicopter. Tank 3 is punctured and there is a film of diesel floating on the water which is being collected with sorbents. Tank 5 is intact but does contain some oily water which is also being collected with sorbents. Tanks 1 and 6 have been sounded and are empty.

The starboard tanks were more completely emptied during lightering due to the list of the vessel. These tanks have been visually inspected from the outside of the vessel and appear to be undamaged.

During helicopter operations the salvors transferred steel and fabricated parts to the vessel and removed two drums containing oily waste and garbage, four drums of recovered fluids, along with the smallest of the three nets on board. Incineration operations are on hold until the operator returns from off island training.

Fabrication of reinforcement/bracing for the #1 fish hold has been completed.

The M/V Redeemer, which is now scheduled to be released from the shipyard in Dutch Harbor today, will be mobilized as a replacement vessel for the M/V Makushin Bay. The Redeemer crew will load the first of three offshore anchors sets which will be needed for the recovery operations and proceed to St. George Island.

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

A replacement unit for the city transformer which failed in a recent storm has arrived and has been installed. Some electrical equipment, including the Automated Surface Observing System (ASOS) at the airport, is still inoperative. This limits flights coming into St. George to Visual Flight Rules (VFR) flights only.

**FUTURE PLANS AND RECOMMENDATIONS:** Continue operations on board the vessel and in temporary fabrication locations to prepare for vessel recovery. A color-coded diagram of the vessel reflecting overall status is being developed.

Plans have been developed and approved for utilizing a loader to pull the two heavier nets across the shoreline and up to a road where they can be loaded into a dump truck and transferred to the harbor as conditions allow.

**WEATHER:** Cloudy with blowing snow showers and visibility to one mile, highs in the low 30s, with northeast winds 25 to 35 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.

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St. George Traditional Council	Maxim Malavansky Jr	Fax		859-2447	859-2251
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