

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

**SITUATION REPORT**

**INCIDENT NAME:** F/V *Patty J* Grounding

**SITREP #:** 6

**SPILL NUMBER:** 09119922001

**LEDGER CODE:** 14276660

**TIME/DATE OF SPILL:** 4:30 AM on August 8, 2009. The grounding was reported to ADEC at 7:00 AM on August 8, 2009 by the U.S. Coast Guard (USCG).

**TIME/DATE OF SITUATION REPORT:** 2:00 PM on September 9, 2009

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

**TYPE/AMOUNT OF PRODUCT SPILLED:** The F/V *Patty J*, a 58-foot wooden vessel, is reported to have contained approximately 700 gallons of diesel fuel, a 30-gallon tank of hydraulic oil, and an unknown volume of lube oil when it grounded.

**LOCATION:** Outside Square Cove in Chatham Strait, Alaska.

**CAUSE OF SPILL:** The F/V *Patty J* grounded on a charted reef along Chatham Strait near Square Cove. The five crew members from the F/V *Patty J* were taken onboard by a nearby Good Samaritan vessel.

**POTENTIAL RESPONSIBLE PARTY (PRP):** Dontos Enterprises, Inc. The PRP is being represented by Meredith Management Group, Inc. (MMG) who was hired by the insurance company providing pollution coverage to Dontos Enterprises, Inc.

**RESPONSE ACTION:** Southeast Alaska Lighterage (SEAL) mobilized to the scene with the resources necessary to complete pollution control and vessel salvage operations on September 7, 2009. SEAL successfully re-floated the F/V *Patty J* at approximately 2:30 PM on September 8, 2009. The M/V *Poundstone* and the SEAL 32-foot landing craft transported the F/V *Patty J* to Square Cove where it was secured at the high tide line. MMG reported no significant sheen was observed during the re-floating or transportation operations. Containment boom remained deployed around the vessel during transport as a precaution.

The fishing net was untangled from the vessel prior to vessel transport and was last reported to be intact on the reef where the F/V *Patty J* initially grounded. The owner of the net has been contacted and informed that the net has been removed from the vessel and is available for recovery.

**SOURCE CONTROL:** On August 10, 2009, SEAL removed approximately 800 gallons of diesel fuel and water from the vessel and secured the fuel vents with Splash Zone (underwater epoxy).

**RESOURCES AFFECTED:** Oil has been discharged onto the marine waters in the vicinity of Square Cove. There have been no reports of impacts to wildlife or the shoreline.

**FUTURE PLANS AND RECOMMENDATIONS:** The port fuel tanks will be checked for diesel during low tide on September 9, 2009. Any remaining fuel found will be removed and stored per the Unified Command approved salvage plan. The hydraulic oil tank will be removed from the engine room once safe access has been established. Any portable oil containers will be removed from the vessel if discovered. There is no estimated date of completion of these operations.

**WEATHER:** North winds 15 knots increase to 25 knots by late, seas 3 feet building to 5 feet and periods of rain.

**UNIFIED COMMAND AND PERSONNEL:**

Incident Commander: Philip McCrudden, Meredith Management Group  
 F.O.S.C.: Capt. Mellissa Bert, USCG  
 S.O.S.C.: Scot W. Tiernan, ADEC

**FOR ADDITIONAL INFORMATION CONTACT:** Scot W. Tiernan, ADEC, (907) 465-5378

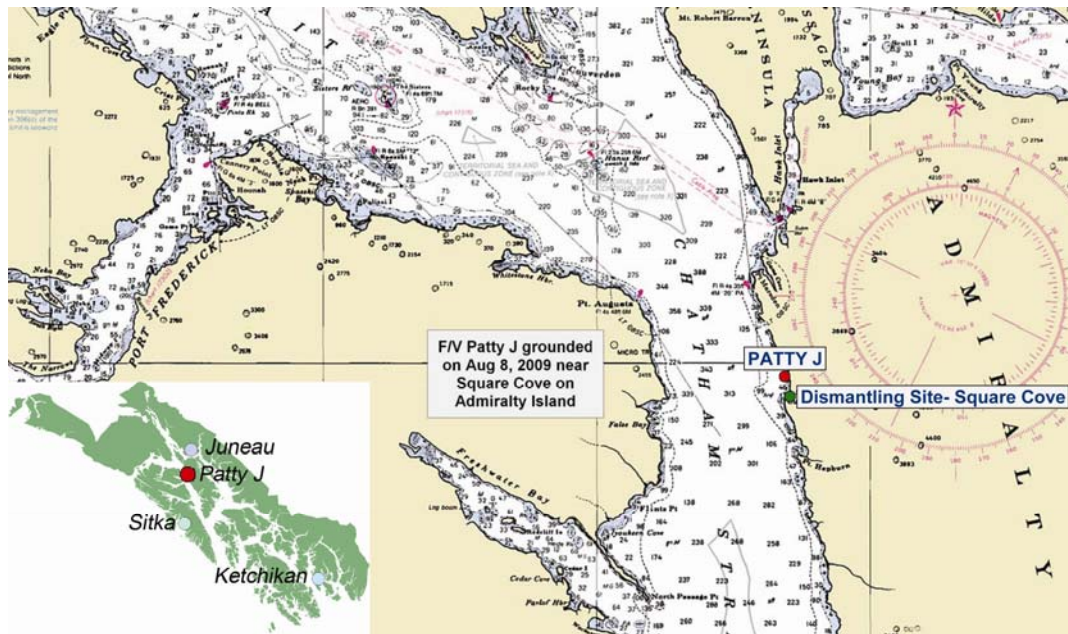
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SEAL photo of the F/V *Patty J* taken during transit to Square Cove on September 8, 2009.



Map of dismantling site for the F/V *Patty J*.