ALASKA DEPARTMENT OF ENVIRONMENTAL CONSERVATION

Division of Spill Prevention and Response Prevention and Emergency Response Program SITUATION REPORT

INCIDENT NAME: F/V Vigilant Sinking **SITREP #:** 2

SPILL NUMBER: 09239922601 LEDGER CODE: Not Requested

<u>TIME/DATE OF INCIDENT</u>: The F/V *Vigilant* sank around 3:00 AM on August 14, 2009. ADEC was notified of the incident at 7:00 AM by the U.S. Coast Guard.

TIME/DATE OF SITUATION REPORT: 4:00 PM on September 1, 2009

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

TYPE/AMOUNT OF PRODUCT SPILLED: Glacier Seafood's LLC reported that their 58-foot fish tender, F/V *Vigilant*, carrying 114,000 pounds of pink Salmon on board, sank with approximately 700 gallons of diesel fuel and an estimated 150 gallons of lube oil on board. Based on information provided by the dive team, it is presumed that all of the diesel fuel and lube oil on board were lost during the grounding. An oily sheen was visible in the area on August 14, 2009.

LOCATION: Southwest entrance to Chugach Bay, Southern Kenai Peninsula, at 59° 09.800N - 151° 33.900W.

<u>CAUSE OF SPILL:</u> Vessel operator left the bridge to check an engine room alarm and upon returning, found vessel to be off course and in shallow water. Corrective action resulted in the vessel grounding on offshore rocks.

POTENTIAL RESPONSIBLE PARTY (PRP): Glacier Seafood's LLC, Seward, Alaska

<u>RESPONSE ACTIONS:</u> The PRP requested proposals from three salvage companies to remove the vessel from its current location for disposal. All three companies declined to submit a bid for removal this fall. Safety of operations due to expected weather patterns and the exposed location of the wreck were the primary reasons provided by the salvage companies.

SOURCE CONTROL: Fuel vents have been secured on the vessel.

RESOURCES AFFECTED: Gulf of Alaska coastal waters.

FUTURE PLANS AND RECOMMENDATIONS: The PRP will request the salvage companies to resubmit their bids in the spring of 2010. A plan will be submitted to the Unified Command for monitoring the vessel's position and condition throughout the winter season. This plan will include scheduled over-flights and pollution prevention and response capabilities.

WEATHER: Tuesday – Wednesday night - Southerly winds 20 knots, seas 5 feet

UNIFIED COMMAND AND PERSONNEL

R.P.I.C: Andrew Wilder, Glacier Seafood's LLC

F.O.S.C: Capt. Kenyon, USCG S.O.S.C: John Brown, ADEC

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AGENCY/STAKEHOLDER NOTIFICATION LIST

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USCG MSD Kenai		Fax		283-3292	283-5085
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ADPS	State Troopers	Fax		428-7200	428-7204
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