

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

**SITUATION REPORT**  
**As of 10:00 AM on March 26, 2010**

**INCIDENT NAME:** Princess Kathleen

**SITREP #:** 7

**SPILL NUMBER:** 10119904701

**LEDGER CODE:** 14284160

**TIME/DATE OF SPILL:** The *SS Princess Kathleen* grounded and sank off Point Lena on September 7, 1952.

**TIME/DATE OF SITUATION REPORT:** 2:00 PM on March 26, 2010

**TIME/DATE OF THE NEXT REPORT:** 2:00 PM on March 30, 2010

**TYPE/AMOUNT OF PRODUCT SPILLED:** The total volume of number 6 bunker oil onboard the vessel at the time of sinking is unknown. The volume of bunker and other oils that remains on the ship is currently unknown.

**LOCATION:** Point Lena, Favorite Channel, north of Juneau, Alaska.

**CAUSE OF SPILL:** The vessel grounded on Point Lena and suffered damage to the forward-most section of the bow. As the tide came in, the vessel flooded from the stern and slid off the point. The vessel now sits at an angle on its port side at a depth ranging from 52 feet at the bow to 134 feet at the stern. Recently, increases in the frequency of sheen being reported in the area were investigated and traced to the *Princess Kathleen*, possibly indicating a change in the vessel's condition.

**POTENTIAL RESPONSIBLE PARTY (PRP):** Undetermined

**RESPONSE ACTION:** On March 24, 2010, Global Diving & Salvage Inc. (Global) resumed the dive assessment in mid-afternoon after a weather hold delayed operations for most of the week. The divers concentrated their efforts on the #2 and #3 port bottom tanks. One hole was drilled near the keel of the #2 port bottom tank but no oil was found in this location. The #3 port bottom tank was also drilled and some oil was found but the actual oil level is yet to be determined.

On March 25, ADEC, USCG, US Fish and Wildlife and Alaska Department of Fish and Game held a meeting to catalog all critical habitats south of Point Lena, discuss the possible impacts to resources and emergency protective measures were discussed should they become necessary.

**SOURCE CONTROL:** None at this time.

**RESOURCES AFFECTED:** There have been no reports of impacts to wildlife or the shoreline. The *Princess Kathleen* is of historic significance and is listed as a historic shipwreck by the State of Alaska Office of History and Archeology.

**FUTURE PLANS AND RECOMMENDATIONS:** Global will continue to measure fuel levels in the bottom tanks. Once complete, an engineering firm will use the information supplied by Global divers and historic ship plans to present the Unified Command with current fuel volume estimates. Plans for gaining access to the port wing tanks are in development and will be presented to the Unified Command for approval.

The USCG and ADEC are planning to hold an open house to discuss the results of the dive assessments and their future plans. The open house is scheduled for Thursday, April 1, 2010 from 5:30 PM to 7:30 PM at the Douglas Island Pink and Chum (DIPAC) center.

**WEATHER:** Today: Small Craft Advisory through the night. North winds increasing to 20 knots. Seas 4 feet.  
Tonight: North winds 25 knots shifting to the south at 20 knots. Seas 5 feet.

**UNIFIED COMMAND AND PERSONNEL:**

F.O.S.C. : Capt. Melissa Bert, USCG  
S.O.S.C. : Scot W. Tiernan, ADEC

**FOR ADDITIONAL INFORMATION CONTACT:** Scot W. Tiernan, ADEC, (907) 465-5378 or the JIC officers at 463-2065.

Photographs and other spill information are available for viewing on the Unified Command website:  
[www.dec.state.ak.us/spar/princesskathleen](http://www.dec.state.ak.us/spar/princesskathleen)

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