

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

SITUATION REPORT

INCIDENT NAME: F/V *Midnite Sun* Grounding

SITREP #: 4 and Final

SPILL NUMBER: 11249904201

LEDGER CODE: 14308860

TIME/DATE OF SPILL: The F/V *Midnite Sun*, an 86-foot fishing vessel, grounded on the west side of Afognak Island in the vicinity of Tanaak Cape, North of Malina Bay, at 12:30 AM on February 11, 2011. The US Coast Guard (USCG) reported the grounding to ADEC at 12:40 AM on the same day.

TIME/DATE OF SITUATION REPORT: 3:30 PM on February 22, 2011

TIME/DATE OF THE NEXT REPORT: This is the final situation report.

TYPE/AMOUNT OF PRODUCT SPILLED: The operator of the vessel and marine salvors have estimated that between 4,000 and 4,500 gallons of diesel fuel have been spilled. The original estimate of 6,000 gallons of diesel fuel on board was based on the maximum capacity of the four fuel tanks that contained fuel at the time of the grounding. Of the estimated 200 gallons of lube and hydraulic oil on board at the time of grounding, an estimated 30 gallons have been recovered. Total estimated petroleum lost 4,670 gallons of diesel and misc. oils.

LOCATION: The west side of Afognak Island in the vicinity of Tanaak Cape, Malina Bay
58° 15' 82" N/153° 05' 83" W, approximately 36 nautical miles north-northwest of the City of Kodiak.

CAUSE OF SPILL: The cause of the incident is under investigation by the USCG.

POTENTIAL RESPONSIBLE PARTY (PRP): Chesapeake, Inc., based in Anchorage.

RESPONSE ACTION: Salvors conducted recovery operations on the vessel on Friday and Saturday, February 18-19, 2011, and recovered all the remaining lube and hydraulic oils. All fuel and oil tanks on board the vessel were sounded for petroleum products. The two main propulsion engines were drained of oils and secured. It has been determined that no recoverable amounts of petroleum remain on the vessel.

Salvors observed neither petroleum contamination nor sheen around the vessel or the adjoining shorelines during the site inspection on February 19, 2011.

SOURCE CONTROL: No source control was implemented at the time of the grounding due to sea state and darkness.

RESOURCES AFFECTED: Shorelines consist of gravel beaches with intermixed rocky outcrops.

The area around Tannak Cape from Malina Bay to Paramanof Bay is designated as Northern sea otter and Steller sea lion critical habitat. Steller sea lions may be present on haulouts and in the areas of Cape Paramanof and Cape Malina.

Waterfowl present may include mergansers, harlequin ducks, and similar species.

No historic or cultural resources are affected at this time.

Commercial fisheries operating in the area should not be affected and no closures have been initiated.

FUTURE PLANS AND RECOMMENDATIONS:

Vessel owners and agents will develop a wreck recovery plan for the vessel and debris removal from state tidelands. The Alaska Department of Natural Resources will review the plan for consistency with state trespass statutes.

Vessel will be periodically monitored for any position and condition changes.

Salvage operations are expected to begin in April when weather in the region allows for the safe recovery of the vessel.

WEATHER: Five day forecast - winds up to 30 knots, seas up to seven feet

UNIFIED COMMAND AND PERSONNEL:

Incident Commander: Clint Parks, Chesapeake, Inc.
 F.O.S.C.: Capt. Jason Fosdick, USCG
 S.O.S.C.: John Brown, ADEC

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Photographs and other spill information are available for viewing at:

<http://www.state.ak.us/dec/spar/perp/index.htm>

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F/V Midnite Sun grounded on the east side of Shelikof Strait in the vicinity of Tanaak Cape, Malina Bay. Photo courtesy of USCG.