



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

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## **F/V *Evening Star* Sinking**



### **SITREP # 3**

**SPILL #:** 12119921501

**LEDGER CODE:** 14327360

**TIME/DATE OF DISTRIBUTION:** 3:30 p.m. August 10, 2012

**POTENTIAL RESPONSIBLE PARTY (PRP):** Kenneth Phippen

**INCIDENT LOCATION:** Slocum Arm, approximately 43 nautical miles north of Sitka, Alaska.

**TIME/DATE OF SPILL:** 6:00 a.m. August 2, 2012

**TYPE/AMOUNT OF PRODUCT SPILLED:** At the time of sinking the vessel was reported to have 1,000 gallons of diesel fuel on board. The engine room holds approximately 25 gallons of lube oil and a hydraulic oil tank with a capacity of 160 gallons. It is unknown how much product has been released at this time.

**CAUSE OF SPILL:** The F/V *Evening Star* capsized and sank while seine fishing for salmon in Slocum Arm. The cause of the sinking is unknown at this time.

**SOURCE CONTROL:** Source control has not been achieved.

**RESPONSE ACTION:** The responsible party's insurance company contracted with Bowditch Marine, Inc. (Bowditch), a marine survey company, who contracted with Global Diving and Salvage, Inc. (Global) to remove the fuel from and then salvage the vessel.

On August 9, 2012, the Southeast Alaska Petroleum Response Organization (SEAPRO) arrived on scene of the casualty with equipment to boom the vessel. The seine net (net) remained attached to the F/V *Evening Star* and prevented encircling the F/V *Evening Star* with boom. The net was folded and tied together and 800 feet of boom was deployed around the vessel. After deploying the boom, SEAPRO returned to Sitka for the night.

Global submitted a revised Casualty Response Plan that contains plans for both lightering and salvaging the vessel.

At 9:00 a.m. today the Unified Command (UC) members consisting of the ADEC, USCG Sector Juneau and the responsible party met to discuss the current and planned operations. Also attending the meeting was Global, Bowditch and SEAPRO. The oil recovery and salvage plans were reviewed as were plans for on-sight monitoring of the oil recovery operations by the USCG and ADEC.

SEAPRO departed Sitka this morning with 1,000 feet of containment boom to be used to protect anadromous streams in the vicinity of the sinking. At 12:22 p.m. today, SEAPRO arrived on scene and encountered a large, expanding sheen on the waters of Slocum Arm. SEAPRO response personnel noted the net attached to the F/V *Evening Star* was not visible. Approaching the site of the sinking, the stern, which had been visible, could no longer be seen and it is presumed the vessel shifted, slipping into deep water. Sheen continued to surface and rainbow sheen covered an area estimated at one and half miles long and 25 yards wide.

SEAPRO's charter vessel used its depth sounder in an attempt to locate the F/V *Evening Star* and believe they located the vessel in 300 to 400 feet of water.

The boom transported to the site of the sinking this morning will still be deployed to protect important anadromous fish streams in the area from the most recent discharge.

Global will be providing daily situational updates.

**RESOURCES AFFECTED:** Marine waters of Slocum Arm. On August 2, 2012 the Alaska Department of Fish and Game announced an emergency closure for the salmon purse seine fishery of Slocum Arm. The closure was issued to prevent harvesting fish in areas with possible oil contamination. At this time no impacts to fish or wildlife have been reported.

**FUTURE PLANS AND RECOMMENDATIONS:** Based on the new reports of the vessel possibly sinking in deep water, Bowditch and Global have mobilized a remotely operated vehicle (ROV) with SONAR equipment to determine the location of vessel. The equipment is estimated to arrive in Sitka tomorrow, will be put on a vessel and taken out to the site to conduct a survey to confirm the location of the F/V *Evening Star*.

Global is mobilizing equipment for dive and defueling operations. The estimated time of arrival for Global's diving equipment in Sitka is Saturday, August 11. Further deployment of the dive equipment will depend on the results of the ROV survey.

The vessel owner and Global will be meeting today with the U.S. Forest Service in Sitka to discuss the West-Chichagof-Yokobi Wilderness area that is upland of the vessel's location do discuss the planned operations.

ADEC and USCG will continue to monitor the situation.

**WEATHER:** Today: Southeast wind 10 knots becoming east at 15 knots in the afternoon; seas 5 feet. Tonight: East winds increasing to 20 knots late; seas 6 feet. Tomorrow: East winds 20 knots; seas 7 feet; with rain in the afternoon.

**UNIFIED COMMAND AND PERSONNEL:**

Incident Commander:	Richard Shaw, Bowditch Marine Inc.
SOSC:	Scot Tiernan, ADEC
FOSC:	Capt. Scott Bornemann, USCG

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

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