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

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F/V *Lone Star* Sinking

SITREP #: 5

SPILL #: 13269918101

TIME/DATE OF DISTRIBUTION: 3:00 p.m. July 10, 2013

POTENTIAL RESPONSIBLE PARTY (PRP): Charles Burrece, Vessel Owner

INCIDENT LOCATION: Igushik River, Nushagak Bay, 30 river miles from Dillingham

TIME/DATE OF SPILL: 6:55 a.m. June 30, 2013

HOW/WHEN SPILL WAS DISCOVERED/REPORTED: The crew of the fishing vessel *Lone Star* notified the U.S. Coast Guard of the sinking at 6:55 a.m. on June 30, 2013. The Coast Guard notified ADEC at 8:59 a.m. the same day.

TYPE/AMOUNT OF PRODUCT SPILLED: The vessel's crew reported to the Coast Guard that the vessel was carrying 13,750 gallons of diesel fuel and 300 gallons of other petroleum products at the time of sinking. The amount and type of petroleum product spilled is unknown at this time.

CAUSE OF SPILL: The *Lone Star's* crew reported to the Coast Guard that the anchor line struck the vessel's transducer while they were anchoring the vessel, causing damage to the hull. The vessel began taking on water and capsized in 18 feet of water.

SOURCE CONTROL: None reported at the time of the incident.

RESPONSE ACTION: On July 6, Magone Marine Services completed the removal of the damaged shell plate where the transducer was damaged by the anchor cable. The morning of July 7, staff from the Coast Guard and the Alaska Department of Fish and Game conducted an overflight and observed no sheen in the river. Later that day Magone Marine Services reported that they had completed accessing and plugging the starboard fuel vents onboard the *Lone Star* and on July 8, patched the hole where the transducer was torn off.

Observers aboard today's late morning overflight reported a two-mile long by 40-foot wide light broken sheen.

Magone continues to mobilize response resources that will be used to lighter fuel from the *Lone Star*. The resources are estimated to arrive on-scene July 13.

RESOURCES AFFECTED: The shorelines of the Igushik River are primarily comprised of sheltered tidal flats and brackish marshes. The Igushik River supports all species of Pacific salmon. There are currently salmon fisheries open in the area, and fishing vessels, processors, and canneries are active, including a cannery located on the

southwest shore of the Igushik River. Subsistence fishers may have gillnets in the water. Waterfowl may be nesting along the shorelines of the river and foraging in the river and tidal areas. Steller sea lions, humpback whales and Steller's eiders are Endangered Species Act-listed species that may be present in the area. Archaeological sites may be present in the area.

FUTURE PLANS AND RECOMMENDATIONS: Lightering of the *Lone Star* is anticipated to begin mid-next week. Chadux's team will continue to establish a base of operation near the sinking location. A second vessel skimming system will be staged there and on-site during the lightering process. ADEC staff is scheduled to depart the Dillingham command post today but will return prior to vessel lightering. The Coast Guard will be activating the Coast Guard Pacific Strike Team to oversee the lightering of fuel from the *Lone Star*.

The life raft and boom missing from the *Lone Star* was found upriver from the vessel and Chadux is developing a plan to remove them.

The Alaska Marine Surveyors Inc. will conduct a marine damage survey and Magone is developing plans for Coast Guard's approval to refloat the vessel.

The Chadux response vessel *Brown Dog* replenished supplies in Dillingham and is scheduled to return to monitor the *Lone Star*.

WEATHER: Today: Patchy fog; southwest winds 10 knots; seas 2 feet. Tonight: Patchy fog; winds 10 knots; seas 2 feet. Tomorrow: Patchy fog; northwest wind 10 knots; seas 2 feet. Friday: Variable winds 10 knots; seas 2 feet.

UNIFIED COMMAND AND PERSONNEL:

Incident Commander: Tom Callahan, The Meredith Management Group
SOSC: Steve Russell, ADEC
FOSC: Jeff Estes, U.S. Coast Guard

TIME/DATE OF THE NEXT REPORT DISTRIBUTION: 3:00 p.m. July 18, 2013 or as the situation warrants.

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