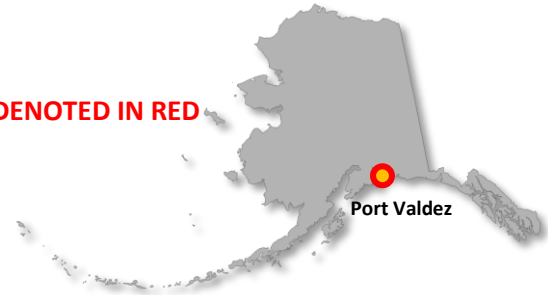




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F/V *Fate Hunter* Grounding

SITREP #: 4 and Final

SPILL #: 13229922301

TIME/DATE OF DISTRIBUTION: 4:00 p.m., October 30, 2013

POTENTIAL RESPONSIBLE PARTY (PRP): Kelly Smotherman

INCIDENT LOCATION: Approximately 7 miles west of Valdez, and less than a mile east of Shoup Bay, in Port Valdez. (Lat/Long: 61.1224, -146.5602)

TIME/DATE OF SPILL: 5:30 a.m., August 11, 2013

HOW/WHEN SPILL WAS DISCOVERED: At 5:33 a.m., August 11, 2013, the U.S. Coast Guard (Coast Guard) received a report from the fishing vessel *Fate Hunter* that it had run aground. The Coast Guard reported the grounding to ADEC at 7:23 a.m., August 11, 2013.

TYPE/AMOUNT OF PRODUCT SPILLED: The owner of the *Fate Hunter* estimates that 1,500 gallons of diesel fuel, 300 gallons of hydraulic oil and 100 gallons of lube oil were on board the vessel when it ran aground. **According to the owner's estimates, an estimated 200 gallons of diesel fuel was released during the grounding and recovery operations.**

CAUSE OF SPILL: The 65-foot steel-hulled fishing tender was returning to Valdez after taking 150,000 pounds of salmon on board, when it ran aground. The cause of the grounding is unknown at this time and is being investigated by the Coast Guard.

SOURCE CONTROL: **Containment and sorbent boom were maintained around the vessel throughout salvage operations. Fuel and hydraulic oils were lightered off of the vessel, loose drums of diesel, oils and lubricants were recovered on scene, and all fish was pumped out of the fish holds, macerated and discharged into the deep water just off shore. The vessel is currently moored in the Cordova harbor.**

RESPONSE ACTION: Lightering operations of the *Fate Hunter* began on August 15 and removed an estimated 1,295 gallon of fuel from the vessel. After completing initial vessel stabilization and lightering operations, Global Diving and Salvage (Global) and Alaska Chadux were demobilized on August 20. Alaska Marine Response (AMR) was contracted to conduct vessel recovery operations. **After several unsuccessful recovery attempts were made by AMR, Global was remobilized on October 18. With the use of a heavy lift derrick barge The FATE HUNTER was raised and dewatered on October 25. AMR remained on scene to maintain containment and sorbent boom around the salvage operations. At 3:35 p.m. on October 25 Global relinquished possession of the refloated vessel to AMR. The vessel was taken undertow to Cordova and arrived on October 29.**

RESOURCES AFFECTED: There has been no report of impacts to wildlife. The area is habitat to over 20 species of birds. Sea otters may also be present but have not been spotted in the area of activity. The shoreline at the grounding location is steep rock cliff.

FUTURE PLANS AND RECOMMENDATIONS: *The Fate Hunter is scheduled for removal from the water at the Cordova Boat Harbor on November 1.*

WEATHER: *Today: Rain; northeast winds 10 knot; seas 3 feet. Tonight: Rain; northeast winds 20 knots; seas 4 feet. Tomorrow: Rain; northeast winds 20 knots diminishing to 10 knots in the afternoon; seas 4 feet diminishing to 2 feet in the afternoon.*

UNIFIED COMMAND AND PERSONNEL:

Incident Commander: David Willoughby, Willoughby Consulting & Adjusting
SOSC: Steven Russell, ADEC
FOSC: Captain Ben Hawkins, Coast Guard
FOSCR: Lieutenant Keyth Pankau, Jr, Coast Guard
Field SOSC: John Engles, ADEC

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

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