



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

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F/V *Pacific Queen* Sinking

SITREP # 2 & Final

SPILL #: 13119922601

TIME/DATE OF DISTRIBUTION: 3:00 p.m. August 19, 2013

POTENTIAL RESPONSIBLE PARTY (PRP): Joseph Lykken, vessel owner

INCIDENT LOCATION: Duncan Canal, Near Lung Island, 21 miles south-southwest of Petersburg

TIME/DATE OF SPILL: 1:00 a.m. August 14, 2013

HOW AND WHEN THE SPILL WAS DISCOVERED: The crew of the fishing vessel *Pacific Queen* notified the U.S. Coast Guard (Coast Guard) of the sinking at 1:00 a.m. on August 14, 2013. The Coast Guard notified ADEC at 3:05 a.m. the same day.

TYPE/AMOUNT OF PRODUCT SPILLED: The captain of the *Pacific Queen* revised his estimate on the amount of diesel fuel on board the vessel at the time of sinking to 2,000 gallons. A light silver sheen was observed in the vicinity of the vessel by the Coast Guard during the overflight on August 14. A subsequent search over the next two days, both on the water and in the air, found no additional oil sheens.

CAUSE OF SPILL: The 71-foot, wooden-hulled fishing vessel hit a rock, causing the vessel to sink.

SOURCE CONTROL: The crew of the *Pacific Queen* was able to secure the fuel vents before evacuation.

RESPONSE ACTION: On August 14, the pollution underwriters for the *Pacific Queen* hired Meredith Management Group, Inc. to provide the pollution response for the incident. Meredith Management Group then activated Southeast Alaska Petroleum Resource Organization (SEAPRO) to assist with clean up any pollution resulting from the sinking.

SEAPRO's oil spill response vessel *Neka Bay* arrived on scene the morning of August 15 and spent both August 15 and August 16 in an unsuccessful attempt to locate the sunken vessel. A joint overflight on August 16 found no indication of oil sheens or the vessel.

The Unified Command suspended the search for the vessel at 4:00 p.m. on August 16.

RESOURCES AFFECTED: There has been no report of impacts to wildlife.



FUTURE PLANS AND RECOMMENDATIONS: No further actions are required at this time. If reports of additional oil sheens in the area of the sinking are received by ADEC or the Coast Guard, the Unified Command will consider resuming the response.

WEATHER: Today: Showers; southwest winds 10 knots; sea 3 feet. Tonight: East winds increasing to 15 knots; seas 3 feet. Tomorrow: East wind 10 knots; seas 2 feet or less.

UNIFIED COMMAND AND PERSONNEL:

Incident Commander: Paul Richie, Meredith Management Group, Inc.

SOSC: Sarah Moore, ADEC

FOSC: Scott Bornemann, U.S. Coast Guard

Time/Date of the Next Report Distribution: **This is the final report.**

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