



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



T/V *Silver Bay II* Sinking

SITREP #: 1

SPILL #: 14119901401

TIME/DATE OF DISTRIBUTION: 2:30 p.m. January 16, 2014

POTENTIAL RESPONSIBLE PARTY (PRP): Silver Bay Logging (Silver Bay)

INCIDENT LOCATION: Silver Bay Logging facility dock along Zimovia Strait, approximately 5 miles south of Wrangell.

TIME/DATE OF SPILL: Unknown.

HOW/WHEN SPILL WAS DISCOVERED: The incident was discovered at 3:00 p.m. on January 14, 2014 during a check of the dock and boats by Silver Bay employees. The employees reported the sinking and subsequent spill to the National Response Center (NRC). The NRC forwarded the spill report to ADEC at 3:56 p.m. on the same day.

TYPE/AMOUNT OF PRODUCT SPILLED: The Silver Bay representative reported that the 60-foot tug had been tied to the dock for the past five years and diesel fuel had been removed from the tug during this time. The Silver Bay representative estimated that the vessel contained 3,500 gallons of diesel fuel at the time of sinking. The amount spilled is unknown.

CAUSE OF SPILL: The tug sank in approximately 120-feet of water. The cause of the sinking is unknown at this time and will be investigated by the Coast Guard.

SOURCE CONTROL: None at this time.

RESPONSE ACTION: On-scene responders report that the tug *Silver Bay II* apparently drifted under a deck barge when it sank. Silver Bay contracted a Ketchikan-based diving and salvage firm to conduct an assessment of the vessel and to cap fuel tank vents to control the pollution source. Due to poor weather, the divers are not able to transit to the scene until the weather moderates. There continues to be a small amount of oil surfacing from the vessel. Silver Bay employees deployed containment boom on the evening of January 14. The containment boom currently does not adequately control the sheen. ADEC and the Coast Guard have directed Silver Bay to deploy additional containment and absorbent boom today. Silver Bay is supplementing their containment boom with containment and sorbent booms owned by ADEC staged in Wrangell.

Coast Guard response personnel from Ketchikan were dispatched to Wrangell via chartered seaplane yesterday afternoon. During their flight, Coast Guard observed sheen moving north and extending over five miles. When

the response personnel arrived at the Wrangell dock, they reported that no product was surfacing from the sunken tug. This morning, response crews observed surfacing of small amounts of oil from the sunken tug.

One ADEC responder from Ketchikan arrived in Wrangell this morning to join with the Coast Guard responders to provide technical assistance, monitor Silver Bay's response, coordinate with Alaska Department of Fish and Game (ADF&G) and federal biologists, local stakeholders, and coordinate augmentation of the response using state-owned resources as necessary.

RESOURCES AFFECTED: There have been no reports of impacts to wildlife or subsistence resources. A joint ADEC, ADF&G and Coast Guard shoreline cleanup assessment team surveyed Institute Beach just north of the Silver Bay Logging facility and reported presence of light sheen throughout the area. ADEC recommends against personal use and subsistence harvesting because of the threat of Paralytic Shellfish Poisoning (PSP). Also, shellfish in the area may have been impacted by a recent petroleum spill. To avoid any potential health risk, harvesting and consumption of shellfish should be avoided where oil and/or sheens can be seen or smelled on the beach or water. The Department of Health and Social Services and ADEC recommend against harvesting shellfish near Institute Creek at this time.

Report any instances of seafood and/or beaches with evidence of petroleum impacts to ADEC at (907) 465-5340.

FUTURE PLANS AND RECOMMENDATIONS: Today, the response crews will focus on repositioning and doubling containment boom around the vessel and continue recovery of free product. The Coast Guard is issuing a Broadcast Notice to Mariners to inform the public about the location of the sinking and response actions. Plans for tug salvage cannot be developed until the divers assess the vessel. ADEC will continue to monitor the response actions, address stakeholder concerns, and review cleanup, waste management, salvage and transit plans in close coordination with Coast Guard and other state and federal partner agencies and local stakeholders.

WEATHER:

Gale warning today. SE wind 35 kt. Seas 7 feet.

Tonight: SE wind 30 kt. diminishing to 25 kt. late evening. Seas subsiding to 5 ft. Rain in the evening.

Fri: SE wind 25 kt. increasing to gale to 35 kt. in the afternoon. Seas 7 ft.

UNIFIED COMMAND AND PERSONNEL:

Incident Commander: Randy Ferdinand, Silver Bay Logging

SOSC: Sarah Moore, ADEC

FOSC: CAPT Scott Bornemann, U.S. Coast Guard

Field SOSC: Bob Fultz, ADEC

TIME/DATE OF THE NEXT REPORT DISTRIBUTION: 2:00 p.m. January 17, 2014

FOR ADDITIONAL INFORMATION CONTACT: Sarah Moore, State On-Scene Coordinator, ADEC (907) 465-5239



Aerial view of the spill site, January 15, 2014. (Photo/Coast Guard)

AGENCY/STAKEHOLDER NOTIFICATION LIST: This situation report was distributed to the agencies listed on the standard distribution list, which includes the governor's office, Senator Begich's office, State Emergency Operations Center, U.S. Department of the Interior, National Marine Fisheries Service, U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service, and other state agencies. This situation report was also distributed to the following agencies and stakeholders:

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