



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

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T/V *Silver Bay II* Sinking

SITREP #: 3 and Final

SPILL #: 14119901401

TIME/DATE OF DISTRIBUTION: 1:30 p.m. January 21, 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: A 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 intermittently 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 85-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 Friday, January 17, 2014, the Ketchikan-based diving and salvage firm contracted by Silver Bay secured the tank vents aboard the sunken tug. Containment and sorbent booms remain in place around the sunken vessel. Responders observed an obvious decrease in the amount of sheens on Saturday. The boom is successfully containing the sheen.

ADEC and Coast Guard responders checked the nearby beaches on Saturday and observed no oil, sheen or odor on the beach or in the water.

ADEC's responder departed Wrangell late Saturday afternoon.

RESOURCES AFFECTED: There have been no reports of impacts to wildlife or subsistence resources.

ADEC recommends against personal use and subsistence harvesting



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evidence of petroleum
impacts to
ADEC at (907) 465-5340.**

because of the threat of Paralytic Shellfish Poisoning (PSP). Also, shellfish in the area may have been impacted by the recent 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.

FUTURE PLANS AND RECOMMENDATIONS: There continues to be small sheens created above the vessel as currents shift releasing small bubbles or pockets of oil caught inside the vessel. Response crews will continue monitoring the booms and recover any free product which may surface.

Silver Bay is arranging for the salvage contractor to return to Wrangell, make a vessel assessment and develop a salvage plan. The dates for assessment and salvage operations have not been set. The salvage plan will be submitted to Coast Guard and ADEC for review prior to commencing any operations.

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: Today: Southeast wind 30 knots diminishing to 20 knots in the afternoon; seas 6 feet subsiding to 4 feet in the afternoon.

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: None, this is the final report.

FOR ADDITIONAL INFORMATION CONTACT: Sarah Moore, State On-Scene Coordinator, ADEC (907) 465-5239
http://dec.alaska.gov/spar/perp/response/sr_active.htm



Shoreline and vessel booms deployed, January 16-17, 2014. (Photos/ADEC)

AGENCY/STAKEHOLDER NOTIFICATION LIST: Please refer to the first sitrep distributed January 16, 2014 for the agency/stakeholder notification list. The link to the first sitrep can be found in the **Additional Information** box above.