



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



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## **M/V *Devon* Grounding**

**SITREP #: 2**

**SPILL #: 14269913401**

**TIME/DATE OF DISTRIBUTION:** 4:30 p.m. May 16, 2014

**POTENTIAL RESPONSIBLE PARTY (PRP):** Sam Barging, Inc.

**INCIDENT LOCATION:** Approximately 10 miles east of Dillingham on the Nushagak River (approximate Lat/Long: 59°01.84 N, 158°11.67 W)

**TIME/DATE OF SPILL:** The tug vessel *Devon*, used for barging, encountered a submerged object in the Nushagak River at approximately 12:33 a.m. on May 14, 2014. The U.S. Coast Guard reported the incident to ADEC at 4:18 a.m.

**TYPE/AMOUNT OF PRODUCT SPILLED:** Sam Barging estimated that approximately 5,000 to 5,500 gallons of diesel fuel were discharged from the vessel after the grounding.

**CAUSE OF SPILL:** The 7,400-gallon capacity fuel tank was breached when the vessel encountered an unknown submerged object in the river.

**SOURCE CONTROL:** Remaining fuel in the tank was transferred into a void space in the vessel. A void space is defined as an enclosed space external to a cargo tank or other than a hold space, ballast space, oil fuel tank, cargo pump room or any space in normal use by personnel. Arrangements are being made to remove the vessel from the water tomorrow.

**RESPONSE ACTION:** The Coast Guard conducted an overflight this morning with a representative from the Alaska Department of Fish and Game (ADF&G). No fuel sheen was observed on the Nushagak River during the overflight. However, Dillingham residents reported a light band of residual diesel fuel on Kakanak Beach, which was determined to be recoverable. The Meredith Management Group contracted Alaska Chadux to begin fuel recovery from the beach.

Sam Barging has submitted a temporary repair plan to the Coast Guard and ADEC for review.

**RESOURCES AFFECTED:** The shorelines of the Nushagak River are primarily comprised of sheltered tidal flats and brackish marshes. The Nushagak River supports all species of Pacific salmon. Waterfowl may be nesting along the shorelines of the river and foraging in the river and tidal areas. Beluga Whales and Harbor Seals may be present in Nushagak Bay. Steller sea lions, 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. There have been no reports of oiled wildlife.

**FUTURE PLANS AND RECOMMENDATIONS:** The Coast Guard will continue to investigate the cause of the grounding and broadcast a notice to mariners to use caution in the reported grounding area. The Coast Guard is requesting the public to report any residual sheening if observed along the river.

The vessel will be removed from the water for damage assessment once the temporary repair plan is approved. The Coast Guard will conduct another overflight within the next 48 hours. The Coast Guard and ADF&G will continue to monitor the river for fuel impacts into the upcoming commercial fishing season.

ADEC will continue to monitor the situation and activate resources as needed.

**WEATHER:** Today: partly cloudy; high 70°F; winds NNW 5-10 mph. Tonight: scattered clouds; lows to 43°F winds light and variable. Tomorrow: sunny; highs to 70°F; winds SW at 5-10 mph.

**UNIFIED COMMAND AND PERSONNEL:**

Incident Commander: Bob Flint, Meredith Management Group, Inc.  
SOSC: Steve Russell, ADEC  
FOSC: Captain Paul Mehler III, U.S. Coast Guard

**TIME/DATE OF THE NEXT REPORT DISTRIBUTION:** As the situation warrants.

**FOR ADDITIONAL INFORMATION CONTACT:** John Brown, ADEC (907) 748-1639

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*Light band of residual diesel fuel on the Kakanak Beach, Dillingham, May 16, 2014. (Photo/ ADF&G)*

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