



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 #: 3 and Final

SPILL #: 14269913401

TIME/DATE OF DISTRIBUTION: 5:00 p.m. May 20, 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.

RESPONSE ACTION: On May 18, 2014, the Alaska Department of Fish and Game (ADF&G) conducted another overflight of the area and reported no visible sheen along the river. On May 19, the spill response contractor, Global Diving, flushed approximately 500 feet of Kakanak Beach shoreline until diesel sheen or diesel smell was not detectable. The Kakanak Beach was an area identified by local residents as being contaminated with diesel from the incident. The Coast Guard, Dillingham Harbor Master, and ADF&G surveyed other local beaches and found no other evidence of contamination. The vessel was successfully raised from the water and any remaining fuel was flushed out into a containment area where it was recovered using sorbents.

The Coast Guard responders departed Dillingham and returned to Anchorage this morning. The Coast Guard's Chief of Response traveled to Dillingham today and held a public meeting to address any questions or concerns about the incident.

(Correction: In the Sitrep 2, distributed May 16, 2014, Alaska Chadux was identified as the spill response contractor hired by Meredith Management Group for this incident. The spill response contractor should have been listed as Global Diving.)

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 USCG and ADF&G will be setting up overflights and continue to monitor the river for fuel impacts into the upcoming commercial fishing season. **The RP representative will be submitting a Waste Management Plan for ADEC's review and approval.**

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

WEATHER: Today: partly cloudy; high 61°F; winds north at 10-20 mph. Tonight: scattered clouds; lows to 46°F winds NNW at 10-15 mph light and variable. Tomorrow: overcast; highs to 60°F; winds north at 10-20 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: This is the final report.

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

http://dec.alaska.gov/spar/perp/response/sum_fy14/140514201/140514201_index.html



Flushing the Kakanak Beach to remove diesel contamination, May 19, 2014. (Photo/ U.S. Coast Guard)

AGENCY/STAKEHOLDER NOTIFICATION LIST:

Please refer to the first sitrep distributed May 14, 2014 for the agency/stakeholder notification list. The link to the first sitrep can be found in the **Additional Information** box above.