



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



F/V Eyak Grounding

SITREP #1

SPILL #: 15-11-99-019-01

TIME/DATE OF DISTRIBUTION: 1:00 p.m. January 26, 2015

POTENTIAL RESPONSIBLE PARTY (PRP): M/V Eyak, LLC

INCIDENT LOCATION: Near Calligan Island in southern Sitka Sound approximately 15 miles SSW from Sitka.

TIME/DATE OF SPILL: This is a potential spill; there has been no reported release from the F/V *Eyak*.

HOW AND WHEN THE SPILL WAS DISCOVERED: The F/V *Eyak* grounded and sank early on the morning of January 19, 2015. The vessel owner reported the incident to the Department at 10:57 a.m. on January 19.

TYPE/AMOUNT OF PRODUCT SPILLED: There has been no reported release of product from the F/V *Eyak*. According to the vessel owner, there is approximately 700 gallons of diesel and gasoline and an unknown quantity of hydraulic oil onboard.

CAUSE OF SPILL: The cause of the grounding is unknown at this time and is being investigated by the USCG.

SOURCE CONTROL: Two of the four fuel tank vents were capped by the vessel owner before the F/V *Eyak* sank.

RESPONSE ACTION: Bad weather immediately following the vessel grounding initially hampered response and salvage operations. The vessel owner and his insurance companies hired Southeast Alaska Petroleum Response Organization (SEAPRO) to respond to the pollution threat and Southeast Alaska Lighterage (SEAL) as Salvage Master. Daily over flights since the grounding have shown no indication of pollution and confirm that the vessel has not moved. A dive survey conducted on January 22 confirmed that two of the fuel tank vents were plugged. The other two vents were inaccessible to the divers because of the angle of the vessel however no pollution was observed. If the weather permits, SEAPRO will deploy containment boom around the F/V *Eyak* today as a precautionary measure. The Tug *Marauder* with a barge containing dive equipment and a crane for use during salvage operations departed Juneau on January 25. ADEC and USCG personnel are onsite to oversee response and salvage operations.

RESOURCES AFFECTED: There has been no reported release of product from the F/V *Eyak* and no reports of impacted wildlife. On January 25 weather improved allowing SEAPRO to deploy 500feet of exclusion boom to protect Crane Cove, an environmentally sensitive area near the vessel's current location. SEAPRO also deployed 900feet of exclusion boom north of Calligan Island, near where salvage operations will be conducted, to protect a kelp bed and sensitive intertidal zone.

FUTURE PLANS AND RECOMMENDATIONS: Weather permitting, the Tug *Marauder* and salvage barge are expected to arrive on site at Calligan Island on Tuesday, January 27. The F/V *Eyak* will be stabilized and the remaining fuel tank vents plugged before the vessel is moved into a protected cove just north of Calligan Island for temporary repairs and refloating. Once the vessel is refloated the fuel and other petroleum products will be removed from the vessel. The vessel owner plans on towing the F/V *Eyak* to Sitka or Wrangell for permanent repairs.

WEATHER: Tonight: Mostly cloudy; low 33°F; north winds 5 to 10 knots. Tomorrow: Mostly sunny; high 42°F; north northwest winds 5 to 10 knots becoming southeast in the afternoon.

UNIFIED COMMAND AND PERSONNEL:

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TIME/DATE OF THE NEXT REPORT DISTRIBUTION: 2:00 p.m. January 28, 2015

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The F/V *Eyak* capsized near Calligan Island in Sitka Sound, January 21, 2015. (Photo/USCG)

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