



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

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## Auke Bay Harbor Used Oil Spill

**SITREP #:** 2 and Final

**SPILL #:** 15119905301

**TIME/DATE OF DISTRIBUTION:** 2:00 p.m. February 27, 2015

**POTENTIAL RESPONSIBLE PARTY (PRP):** Unknown

**INCIDENT LOCATION:** Statter Harbor in Auke Bay, approximately 10 miles north of downtown Juneau.

**TIME/DATE OF SPILL:** The spill occurred between late morning and midday on Sunday, February 22, 2015.

**HOW/WHEN SPILL WAS DISCOVERED:** The USCG received a report of the release at 7:30 p.m. on February 22, 2015. The USCG reported the spill to ADEC at 8:00 p.m. the same day.

**TYPE/AMOUNT OF PRODUCT SPILLED:** The spilled product appears to be used oil. The USCG estimates the volume spilled between 50 and 100 gallons.

**CAUSE OF SPILL:** The cause and source of the spill is unknown. The USCG and ADEC continue to investigate the cause and source of the spill.

**SOURCE CONTROL:** The oil spill appears to have been a single, discrete release that stopped prior to the arrival of the USCG and ADEC on-scene. Containment booms have been deployed around the dock to prevent further spread of the contamination.

**RESPONSE ACTION:** The USCG hired Southeast Alaska Lighterage (SEAL) to complete containment and cleanup of the spill on February 23. SEAL and ADEC deployed 150-feet of ADEC containment boom to contain the spread of the spill **and sorbent material to recover the product.** An additional 150-feet of USCG containment boom was deployed on February 25. ADEC, USCG and SEAL personnel tended the absorbent boom, absorbent pads and snare throughout the week to collect the remaining oil along the dock. Sheen that is present outside of the containment area is non-recoverable and will dissipate. USCG and ADEC removed the absorbent boom, absorbent pads, and snare from Statter Harbor today. The containment boom will be left in over the weekend to contain residual non-recoverable sheen. On February 24 and 25, SEAL cleaned oil off boat hulls that were affected by the oil spill.

**RESOURCES AFFECTED:** The spill has impacted the waters of Statter Harbor and Auke Bay. On February 25 a State and Federal Shoreline Cleanup Assessment Technique (SCAT) team conducted a survey of the shoreline in Auke Bay. The SCAT team observed a non-recoverable sheen along a short section the shoreline at the Weydelich Creek delta at low tide, but no other oiling. There have been no reports of impacts to wildlife. Steller



sea lions, harbor seals and mergansers have been noted in the area but responders have seen no evidences that any have been impacted. Biologists from the Department of Fish and Game and the National Marine Fisheries Service have visited the site during the response.

**FUTURE PLANS AND RECOMMENDATIONS:** USCG and their contractor will demobilize and clean the containment boom early next week. The investigation into the source of the spill is ongoing. Anyone with information about the release is encouraged to call the USCG Sector Command Center at (907) 463-2980.

**WEATHER:** Today: Mostly sunny. Highs around 42°F. Northeast wind 10 to 15 mph diminishing in the afternoon. Tonight: Mostly Clear. Lows around 29 to 35°F except around 23°F in wind sheltered areas. Northeast wind 10 mph. Tomorrow: Sunny becoming mostly cloudy in the afternoon. Highs around 40°F. Light winds becoming northwest 10 mph in the afternoon.

**UNIFIED COMMAND AND PERSONNEL:**

SOSC: Sarah Moore, ADEC

FOSC: Lt Sanders, USCG Sector Juneau

Field SOSC: Bob Mattson, ADEC

**TIME/DATE OF THE NEXT REPORT DISTRIBUTION:** This is the final report.

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SEAL personnel clean oil from a vessel in Statter Harbor on February 24, 2015. (Photo/ADEC)

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