



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

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F/V Pacific Venture Sinking

SITREP #: 2

SPILL #: 15119924402

TIME/DATE OF DISTRIBUTION: 2:30 p.m. September 3, 2015

POTENTIAL RESPONSIBLE PARTY (PRP): William (Bill) Manos

INCIDENT LOCATION: In the vicinity of the Twins, roughly 0.5 to .75 nm off the mouth of Indian River in Sitka, Alaska (Lat./Long: 57° 02.060, -135° 18.73).

TIME/DATE OF SPILL: The vessel initially grounded on rocks on September 1, 2015 at 7:15 pm, resting on its side, and then rolled over at around 2:00 a.m. on Wednesday, September 2, 2015, sinking in approximately 25 feet of water. Sheening was observed at approximately 8:00 p.m. according to Marine Safety Detachment (MSD) Sitka.

HOW AND WHEN THE SPILL WAS DISCOVERED: The grounding was reported to the Coast Guard at approximately 7:15 p.m. on September 1, 2015. Sheening was discovered at approximately 8:00 p.m. according to MSD Sitka.

TYPE/AMOUNT OF PRODUCT SPILLED: The owner of the Pacific Venture estimates that 600 gallons of diesel fuel, 50 gallons of hydraulic and lube oils in the vessel systems, and 20 gallons of lube oil in sealed 5 gallon buckets were on board the vessel when it grounded. **MSD Sitka estimates 10-30 gallons of oil were released as a result of the grounding.**

CAUSE OF SPILL: The vessel grounded, rolled over, and sank in approximately 25 feet of water. **The cause of the sinking is still under investigation by the USCG**

SOURCE CONTROL: The source is contained aboard the vessel and the Southeast Alaska Petroleum Response Organization (SEAPRO) and local responders **deployed** boom around the vessel at noon on September 2, 2015.

RESPONSE ACTION: SEAPRO has been contracted by the vessel owner to address the current release and potential release of oil from the submerged vessel. **Lightering operations are pending that include removing the fuel from the vessel in an effort to eliminate the threat of pollution. Fuel vents on the port side of the vessel have been plugged and other product remains in closed systems. The starboard vent is resting on the sea floor and will be assessed during lightering operations. Global Diving has been retained by the responsible party to defuel the vessel. Global Diving personnel will arrive in Sitka later today to assess the vessel, identify potential diving and work platforms, and determine the availability of temporary oil waste storage in the Sitka area.**



The Unified Command (UC) has directed SEAPRO to replace saturated sorbent material inside the boom and reset the anchors currently surrounding the vessel. SEAPRO has also been directed by the UC to pre-stage 600 feet of harbor boom and anchors at the mouth of Indian River in response to any potential release.

A salvage company has not been identified yet, and salvage plan has not been developed. The vessel is currently secured to shore via a line to keep it from drifting.

RESOURCES AFFECTED: There have been no confirmed reports of impacted fish or wildlife in the area.

FUTURE PLANS AND RECOMMENDATIONS: SEAPRO and Global Diving are deployed to Sitka for clean-up and abatement operations. **The salvage, diving, and waste management plans are under development.**

Weather: Today: generally sunny skies and northwest winds of 8 to 13 knots; seas 1 foot. Tomorrow: generally sunny skies and northwest winds of 8 to 13 knots seas; seas 1 foot.

UNIFIED COMMAND AND PERSONNEL:

Incident Commander:	David Willoughby, Insurance underwriter
SOSC:	Dave Pikul, SOSC
FOSC:	Shannan Greene, FOSC
FOSCr:	Michael Wortman, Chief Warrant Officer
National Park Service	Mary A. Miller, Superintendent

TIME/DATE OF THE NEXT REPORT DISTRIBUTION: September 3, 2015 at 2:00 p.m.

FOR ADDITIONAL INFORMATION CONTACT: Allison Natcher, Environmental Program Specialist, ADEC (907) 465-5367.

http://dec.alaska.gov/spar/ppr/response/sr_active.htm

AGENCY/STAKEHOLDER NOTIFICATION LIST: **Please refer to the first SITREP distributed September 2, 2015 for the agency/stakeholder notification list. The link to the first SITREP can be found in the Additional Information box above.**