



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 #: 4 and Final

SPILL #: 15119924402

TIME/DATE OF DISTRIBUTION: 2:00 p.m. September 29, 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 controlled. The vessel has been lightered, refloated, and removed from the water.

RESPONSE ACTION:

On September 5, 2015, Global Diving completed removal/recovery of 700 gallons of petroleum products and oily water. The accumulated waste was temporarily stored at the Sitka Petro Marine facility, with disposal of the recovered waste to be completed via shipment to Full Cycle LLC in Ketchikan. On September 6, the salvage team, Southeast Underwater Services began salvage operations. Southeast Alaska Petroleum Response Organization (SEAPRO) remained in service to maintain sorbent boom until the vessel was raised. On September 17, the salvors partially refloated the vessel and towed it to Eliason Harbor in preparation to remove the vessel



from the water. The vessel was successfully refloated on September 21 with the assistance of a W&S Construction crane barge, towed to Halibut Point Marine Services and removed from the water.

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

FUTURE PLANS AND RECOMMENDATIONS: The vessel has been removed from the water. No further actions are required.

Weather: Today: Rain...heavy at times. Highs around 58. South wind 10 to 20 mph increasing to 20 to 30 mph with gusts to around 40 mph in the late morning.

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: This is the final Situation Report.

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.