



ALASKA DEPARTMENT OF ENVIRONMENTAL CONSERVATION
Division of Spill Prevention and Response
Prevention Preparedness and Response Program
SITUATION REPORT (SITREP)

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M/V Whimsea Sinking Statter Hbr

SITREP #: 2

SPILL #: 17119917801

TIME/DATE OF DISTRIBUTION: 11:15 a.m. June 30, 2017

POTENTIAL RESPONSIBLE PARTY (PRP): Gary Wilkins

INCIDENT LOCATION: Statter Harbor in Auke Bay

TIME/DATE OF SPILL: 1:00 a.m. June 27, 2017

HOW/WHEN SPILL WAS DISCOVERED AND REPORTED: The Juneau Docks and Harbor Department reported the incident to the National Response Center at 1:46 a.m. June 27, 2017.

TYPE/AMOUNT OF PRODUCT SPILLED: The type and amount of product onboard the vessel at the time of the sinking is unknown.

CAUSE OF SPILL: The M/V *Whimsea* caught on fire and subsequently sank. The cause of the fire is unknown.

SOURCE CONTROL: Source control has not been achieved at this time.

RESPONSE ACTION: Alaska Department of Environmental Conservation (ADEC) and the U.S. Coast Guard (USCG) have initiated a Unified Command. Containment boom has been placed around the area where the vessel sank and absorbent sweep has been deployed. Global Diving & Salvage, Inc. (Global) was contracted by the USCG for spill response, debris removal, and boom management. Global has conducted multiple dives to locate the *Whimsea*, evaluate the vessel for raising, and place straps underneath the vessel in preparation for raising it. The landing craft *Poundstone* is supporting the diving operations. Trucano Construction Company, Inc. was contracted for a barge and crane, which is currently on scene. Efforts continue to remove floating oiled debris, maintain boom, and change out absorbent material as needed.

RESOURCES AT RISK OR AFFECTED: Unified Command monitors briefly observed a whale in Statter Harbor early in the morning of June 30th and reported it to NOAA's Protected Resources Division. There have been no observations or reports to date of oiled or impacted wildlife. Statter Harbor is used for recreational and commercial purposes. Up to 80 fishing vessels were expected to return to Statter Harbor beginning June 29th after the close of Lynn Canal gillnet fishery. NOAA's Juneau Forecast Office is including a special announcement from Alaska Department of Fish and Game (ADF&G) on NOAA's Weather Radio broadcast warning fishing vessels returning to Statter Harbor to not use harbor water on their vessels. Similar information is being broadcast in a USCG Broadcast Notice to Mariners.



FUTURE PLANS AND RECOMMENDATIONS: It is expected that the vessel will be raised today, June 30th. The current plan is to raise the vessel to the surface, dewater the hull, and place the vessel into secondary containment onboard the crane barge. Once the vessel is raised, all hazardous materials and sources of pollution will be removed and contained. The C-Dock at Statter Harbor will be closed to the public during the raising operations for safety reasons. The Unified Command is coordinating with Juneau Docks and Harbors to minimize impacts to the public. ADEC will continue monitoring cleanup operations and shoreline impacts in Auke Bay following removal of the vessel.

WEATHER: The National Weather Service Forecast for Auke Bay calls for rain, seas of 1 ft or less, and ESE winds around 10 kts through Friday night. The high is expected to be 58 ° F and the low 53 ° F.

UNIFIED COMMAND AND PERSONNEL:

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TIME/DATE OF THE NEXT REPORT DISTRIBUTION: As situation requires.

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The crane barge and landing craft *Poundstone* staged in the area where the M/V *Whimsea* sank in preparation for raising the vessel (Photo credit: ADEC; June 30, 2017).

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