



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 #: 3 and Final

SPILL #: 17119917801

TIME/DATE OF DISTRIBUTION: 1:45 p.m. July 3, 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 was achieved on June 30, 2017 when the *Whimsea* was raised and placed into a lined containment aboard a crane barge.

RESPONSE ACTION: Alaska Department of Environmental Conservation (ADEC) and the U.S. Coast Guard (USCG) have initiated a Unified Command. Global Diving & Salvage, Inc. (Global) was contracted by the USCG for spill response, debris removal, and boom management. Global conducted multiple dives to locate the *Whimsea*, evaluate the vessel for raising, and place straps underneath the vessel in preparation for raising it. Trucano Construction Company, Inc. (Trucano) was contracted for a barge and crane. Raising of the *Whimsea* was successfully completed at 2:30 p.m. on June 30, 2017. An estimated 600 gallons of oily water were pumped from the wreck into portable tanks. The *Whimsea* and recovered oily water were then barged to Trucano's yard on Douglas Island. Global has demobilized their equipment, removed all containment boom, collected all spent sorbent material for disposal, and left the scene.

RESOURCES AT RISK OR AFFECTED: Salvage operations have concluded and C-Dock at Statter Harbor has since been re-opened to the public. 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. NOAA's Juneau Forecast Office will continue to include a special announcement from Alaska Department of Fish and Game (ADF&G) on NOAA's Weather Radio broadcast warning fishing vessels moored in



Statter Harbor to not use harbor water on their vessels. As a precaution, members of the public are also advised not to use harbor water on their vessels until the absorbent sweep at C-Dock has been inspected and removed by ADEC.

FUTURE PLANS AND RECOMMENDATIONS: The wreck will be landfilled for final disposal once all remaining hazardous materials have been removed. Absorbent sweep remains deployed at C-Dock to collect any recoverable sheen. ADEC will continue visual monitoring of the absorbent sweep.

WEATHER: The National Weather Service Forecast for Auke Bay calls for scattered showers, seas of 1 ft or less, and SSE winds 5 - 10 kts through Monday night. The high is expected to be 58 ° F and the low 50 ° F.

UNIFIED COMMAND AND PERSONNEL:

SOSC: Bob Mattson, ADEC
SOSCR: David Pikul, ADEC
FOSCR: Chris Mckibben, USCG

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

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Raising of the M/V *Whimsea* onto Trucano's crane barge, pictured in the background. (Photo credit: ADEC; June 30, 2017).

AGENCY/STAKEHOLDER NOTIFICATION LIST:

Please refer to the first sitrep, distributed June 27th, for the agency/stakeholder notification list. The first sitrep can be found by following the link in the **Additional Information** box above.