



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

Disabled F/V Akutan

SITREP #: 1

SPILL #: 17259921901

TIME/DATE OF DISTRIBUTION: 5:00 P.M. August 18, 2017

POTENTIAL RESPONSIBLE PARTY (PRP): Klawock Oceanside, Inc. and Alaska Growth Capital BIDCO, Inc.

INCIDENT LOCATION: Captains Bay, City of Unalaska (53° 50.433' N, 166° 35.640' W)

TIME/DATE OF SPILL: 12:00 pm, August 8, 2017 (anhydrous ammonia), potential (petroleum)

HOW/WHEN SPILL WAS DISCOVERED AND REPORTED: The ammonia release was reportedly discovered by the crew on August 8, 2017. Both the ammonia release and the potential petroleum release was reported to the Alaska Department of Environmental Conservation at 09:15 August 11, 2017.

TYPE/AMOUNT OF PRODUCT SPILLED: An unknown amount of anhydrous ammonia was reportedly released from a plate freezer in the vessel's refrigeration system. To date there have been no known petroleum releases. The vessel, in deteriorating condition, is reported to contain 9,000 to 30,000 gallons of mostly marine diesel and oily water as well as hydraulic, lube, and engine oils.

CAUSE OF SPILL: Potential petroleum release. The vessel arrived under its own power, and anchored in Captains Bay on August 7, 2017. The vessel is in deteriorating condition and the crew and vessel have been abandoned by the owner. Although four of the crew remain on board, one of the three generators on the vessel is operational and if the power goes out the vessel will likely sink in short order.

SOURCE CONTROL: As a precaution Resolve Magone, working on contract with the United States Coast Guard, have placed four hundred feet of boom around the hull and staged extra pumps at the vessel. Resolve Magone's M/V Makushin Bay is currently standing by in Captains Bay. Resolve Magone has also conducted limited maintenance operations on the F/V Akutan and supplied enough fuel to the vessel to keep vital systems running to prevent deterioration of the refrigeration system thereby avoiding increased ammonia release and in anticipation of pollution mitigation activities.

RESPONSE ACTION: On Sunday, August 14th, a marine chemist contracted by the United States Coast Guard arrived to inspect the refrigeration system for the safety of the crew and responders. On Sunday, following the marine chemist's inspection, an ADEC Division of Environmental Health Food Safety Inspector boarded the vessel to inspect the condition of the catch. The inspector found the catch to be wholesome and unadulterated at the time of the inspection. The catch reportedly remains frozen at this time and is subject to disputed ownership. The United States Coast Guard and ADEC have formed a unified command to manage the potential pollution incident and ultimate disposition of the hull. Inclement weather prevented pollution mitigation activities August 16 to August 17.



RESOURCES AT RISK OR AFFECTED: Captains Bay is designated Critical habitat for sea otters and Steller sea lions. Other marine mammals present could include endangered humpback, northern right, and fin whales, as well as harbor porpoise, Dall's porpoise, gray whales and killer whales. The Captains Bay islets tufted puffin and pigeon guillemot seabird colony is located near the head of the bay and South Amaknak supports two seabird breeding colonies for pigeon guillemots and horned puffins. Other migratory birds are present.

The area is essential fish habitat for all five species of pacific salmon and several groundfish species. There is no commercial fishing in Captains Bay, but the area is active with subsistence fishing and sport fishing. Shaishnikof River, Iliuliuk River, and Pyramid Creek south of Obernoi Point are anadromous streams.

Captains Bay is vital for both recreational and commercial activities. There are two seafood facilities in the area and vessels frequently use Captains Bay to anchor and wait for access to the nearby seafood and fuel facilities. There are also a number of private moorings in the bay.

FUTURE PLANS AND RECOMMENDATIONS: The Unified Command will review an operations plan for pollution mitigation activities. In order to access all of the fuel tanks, the fish cargo must be removed from the vessel.

WEATHER: Friday- S wind 15 knots becoming E wind 10 knots in the afternoon, seas 2 feet, patchy fog
Friday night- SE wind 10 knots increasing to 15 knots after midnight, seas 2 feet
Saturday- E wind 15 knots, seas 4 feet.

UNIFIED COMMAND AND PERSONNEL:

SOSC: Geoff Merrell, ADEC

FOSC: Captain Sean MacKenzie, United States Coast Guard

LOSC: Scott Brown, Deputy Director Port of Dutch Harbor

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

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