

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

SITUATION REPORT

INCIDENT NAME: F/V Sylvia Star Sinking

SITREP #: 1

SPILL NUMBER: 05249920701

LEDGER CODE: Not currently assigned

TIME/DATE OF SPILL: The vessel sank at approximately 3:30 PM on July 26, 2005. The U.S. Coast Guard Marine Safety Detachment Kodiak reported the vessel sinking to the ADEC Anchorage office at 3:40 PM on July 26, 2005.

TIME/DATE OF SITUATION REPORT: 1:00 PM August 1, 2005

TIME/DATE OF THE NEXT REPORT: As the situation warrants.

TYPE/AMOUNT OF PRODUCT SPILLED: Diesel fuel. The total amount of product spilled is unknown, although a light sheen was reported to have been observed around the vessel. Approximately 1,200 gallons (29 barrels) of diesel, 90 gallons (2 barrels) of hydraulic oil, 40 gallons of engine lube oil, and estimated 30 gallons of gasoline were onboard the vessel at the time of the sinking.

LOCATION: Uganik Bay is located on the North side of Kodiak Island, approximately 20 miles north of the City of Kodiak by air travel and approximately 80 miles by boat travel.

CAUSE OF SPILL: The 58' fishing vessel hit a rock and sank in approximately 80 foot of water. A U.S. Coast Guard casualty investigation has been initiated and is ongoing.

POTENTIAL RESPONSIBLE PARTY (PRP): Ronald J Kavanaugh, vessel owner, Kodiak.

RESPONSE ACTION: The crew of the F/V Sylvia Star was safely rescued with no injuries reported. The vessel owner contracted M/V Lazy Bay, LLC, to salvage the vessel. A salvage plan was approved by the U.S. Coast Guard and resource agencies for removal of the remaining fuel on the vessel. Plans to move the vessel to a shallow protected area where temporary repairs to the vessel hull can be made was also included in the approved salvage plan.

As of the end of the day on July 31, 2005, divers removed approximately 800 gallons of diesel from the submerged vessel.

Because of unfavorable weather, efforts to move the vessel to shallow water for repairs have been delayed. M/V Lazy Bay, LLC is standing by to move the vessel and initiate repairs as soon as weather permits.

SOURCE CONTROL: Fuel vents were plugged by the salvage team.

RESOURCES AFFECTED: The vessel sinking is located in the Kodiak National Wildlife Refuge. There have been no reports of oiled wildlife. Resources in the area include several commercial salmon fisheries in the Uganik Bay area, and numerous species of marine and shorebirds also inhabit the area.

FUTURE PLANS AND RECOMMENDATIONS: Lightering operations to remove fuel from the boat will continue when the weather permits. Salvage plans also include re-floating the vessel with float bags and moving the vessel to a shallow area where temporary repairs can be made to the hull. The USCG and ADEC will continue to monitor the situation.

WEATHER: Cloudy, rain likely. Temperature 56° F, variable winds 15 kts, seas 3 feet. Winds are expected to increase to N winds to 35 kts, seas 14 feet with showers.

UNIFIED COMMAND AND PERSONNEL:

Incident Commander: Tony Lara, M/V Lazy Bay, LLC
 F.O.S.C.: Capt. Mark DeVries, USCG
 S.O.S.C.: Gary Folley, ADEC

FOR ADDITIONAL INFORMATION CONTACT: John Brown, ADEC (907) 269-7688.

AGENCY/STAKEHOLDER NOTIFICATION LIST

This sitrep has been distributed via email to the Governor's office, ADF&G, ADNRR, SECC, USEPA, USDOJ, NMFS, USFWS, and USFS in addition to the following.

AGENCY	NAME	Sent Via		Telephone	Facsimile
ADEC	Field Office, Kodiak EH	Email		486-3350	486-5032
USCG-MSO/KOD	USCG -Office	Fax		486-5918	487-5585
USCG-MSO/ANC	USCG- Office	Fax		271-6700	271-6751
US EPA	Matt Carr/Carl Lautenberger	Fax		271-3616	271-3424
OTHER	NAME	Sent Via		Telephone	Facsimile
PWS RCAC	John Devens	Fax		835-5957	835-5926
CIRCAC	Mike Munger	Fax/Email	munger@circac.org	283-7222	283-6102
City of Kodiak	City Manager	Fax		486-8640	486-8600
Kodiak Is. Borough	Borough Office	Fax		486-9360	486-9396
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House 36/Kodiak	Dan Ogg	Fax	Kodiak 5/16 - 1/09 Juneau 1/10 - 5/15	486-8872 465-2487	465-5264 465-4956
Senate R/Kodiak	Gary Stevens	Fax	Juneau 5/16 - 1/09 Juneau 1/10 - 5/15	486-4925 465-4925	486-3517 465-3517



Aerial photograph depicting the FV Sylvia Star and sheen streaming from the submerged vessel, July 28, 2005, 11:00 PM. Photo provided by M/V Lazy Bay, LLC.