



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

## **F/V Pacific Venture Sinking**

**SITREP #:** 1

**SPILL #:** 15119924402

**TIME/DATE OF DISTRIBUTION:** 1:00 p.m. September 2, 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 5 gallons of diesel fuel was released as a result of the grounding.

**CAUSE OF SPILL:** The vessel grounded, rolled over, and sank in approximately 25 feet of water. Further investigation into cause of grounding is being investigated by the Coast Guard.

**SOURCE CONTROL:** The Southeast Alaska Petroleum Response Organization (SEAPRO) and local responders began deploying boom around the vessel at noon on September 2, 2015.

**RESPONSE ACTION:** SEAPRO has been contracted by the vessel owner to address the current release and potential release of oil from the submerged vessel; salvage operations are pending. The vessel is currently secured to shore via a line to keep it from drifting. A Unified Command has been formed.

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

**FUTURE PLANS AND RECOMMENDATIONS:** SEAPRO is deployed to Sitka for clean-up and abatement operations. The salvage plan, and plans for protection of sensitive resources, are under development.



Weather: Today: generally sunny skies and northwest winds of 8 to 13 knots; seas 1 foot. Tomorrow: generally sunny skies and northwest winds of 8 to 13 knots seas; seas 1 foot.

**UNIFIED COMMAND AND PERSONNEL:**

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| Incident Commander:   | David Willoughby, Insurance underwriter |
| SOSC:                 | Bob Mattson, SOSC                       |
| FOSC:                 | Shannan Greene, FOSC                    |
| FOSCr:                | Michael Whortman, Chief Warrant Officer |
| National Park Service | Mary A. Miller, Superintendent          |

**TIME/DATE OF THE NEXT REPORT DISTRIBUTION:** September 3, 2015 at 2:00 p.m.

**FOR ADDITIONAL INFORMATION CONTACT:** Allison Natcher, Environmental Program Specialist, ADEC (907) 465-5367.

[http://dec.alaska.gov/spar/ppr/response/sr\\_active.htm](http://dec.alaska.gov/spar/ppr/response/sr_active.htm)

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