



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

NORTH TRADING BAY SHEEN

SITREP #: 1

SPILL #: 26239923601

DATE/TIME OF DISTRIBUTION: August 25, 2026, at 2:15 p.m.
Information current as of August 25, 2026, at 12:30 p.m.

POTENTIAL RESPONSIBLE PARTY (PRP): Unknown

INCIDENT LOCATION: North Trading Bay in Cook Inlet, approximately 50- 60 miles southwest of Anchorage.

DATE/TIME OF SPILL: Unknown

HOW/WHEN SPILL WAS DISCOVERED AND REPORTED: A pilot observed sheen on the west side of Cook Inlet and made a report to DEC. The sheen was reported to the DEC at approximately 2:30 pm on August 24, 2026.

TYPE/AMOUNT OF PRODUCT SPILLED: Unknown

CAUSE OF SPILL: The source and cause of the sheen is currently unknown.

SOURCE CONTROL: None at this time.

RESPONSE ACTION: Hilcorp Alaska LLC conducted a site visit to inspect assets in the area of the reported sheen on the evening of August 24, 2026. Sheen was observed in North Trading Bay closest to the decommissioned Spark Platform. Hilcorp activated their oil spill response contractor, Alaska Response Corporation (ARC), to do on-water investigation of their assets, conduct surveillance, and begin containment and recovery operations if the reported sheen is encountered. The ARC vessel Endeavor is on scene and is currently conducting a grid search of the area. An overflight was conducted at noon today and no sheen was observed. A Unified Command has been formed with the Alaska Department of Environmental Conservation (DEC), United States Coast Guard (USCG), and Hilcorp Alaska LLC (Hilcorp) to coordinate response efforts.

RESOURCES AT RISK OR AFFECTED: All five species of salmon are present in Cook Inlet as well as out migrating eulachon smolt. There is also subsistence harvest of coho salmon around the Tyonek area. Currently Sockeye and Coho salmon are moving through the waters of Cook Inlet. There have been no reports of impacts to wildlife at this time.

FUTURE PLANS AND RECOMMENDATIONS: Hilcorp will continue conducting overflight operations that will include a DEC observer as weather permits. ARC continues to conduct on scene surveillance with response



vessels. DEC continues to work with agency partners and industry to provide oversight and investigate the source and cause of this sheen. An investigation is being conducted to identify the cause of the spill.

WEATHER: Today SSW wind at 15 to 20 knots. Rain, mainly before 4 pm. Seas around 5 ft. small craft advisory in affect. Tonight SSW wind 15 to 20 kt becoming NE 5 to 10 kt in the evening. A chance of showers before 1am, then a slight chance of showers after 4am. Seas 5 ft subsiding to 1 ft. Wednesday variable winds 5 kt or less. A slight chance of showers before 7am. Seas around 1 ft.

UNIFIED COMMAND AND PERSONNEL:

Incident Commander: Dan Marlowe, Hilcorp Alaska

SOSC: Anna Carey, ADEC

FOSC: Commander Carse, USCG

FOSCR: Billy Lemos, USCG

DATE/TIME OF THE NEXT REPORT DISTRIBUTION: August 26, 2026 3:30 pm

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[\[https://dec.alaska.gov/spar/ppr/spill-information/response/\]](https://dec.alaska.gov/spar/ppr/spill-information/response/)

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