

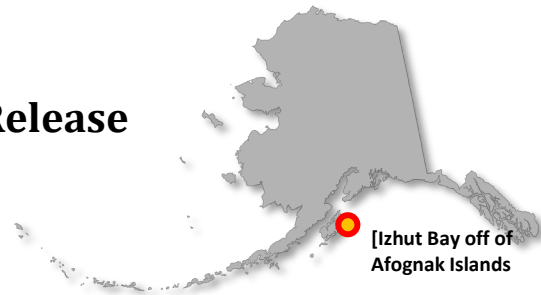


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Division of Spill Prevention and Response
Prevention Preparedness and Response Program
SITUATION REPORT (SITREP)

F/V Sea Ern Izhut Bay Kodiak Diesel Release

SITREP #: 1

SPILL #: 25249924401



DATE/TIME OF DISTRIBUTION: September 3, 2025, at 11:00 a.m.

POTENTIAL RESPONSIBLE PARTY (PRP): Sea Ern LLC

INCIDENT LOCATION: Izhut Bay, Afognak Islands, Kodiak Lat/Long: (58.149708 , -152.302734)

DATE/TIME OF SPILL: September 01, 2025, at 6:39 a.m.

HOW/WHEN SPILL WAS DISCOVERED AND REPORTED: United States Coast Guard (USCG) Marine Safety Unit Kodiak was notified of the F/V *Sea Ern* grounding in Izhut Bay off Afognak Island. Alaska Department of Environmental Conservation (DEC) was notified by the National Response Center. A good Samaritan was able to assist the vessel and ground it on a sandy beach nearby to prevent the vessel from sinking. The vessel is hard aground on the sandy beach.

TYPE/AMOUNT OF PRODUCT SPILLED: The captain of the vessel reports two aft tanks, with a maximum capacity of 2,000 gallons each, were damaged. Based on the usage at the time of the grounding it is estimated that 3000 – 3500 gallons of diesel was released from the vessel tanks when punctured.

CAUSE OF SPILL: The vessel ran aground and sustained a 12 foot by 1 foot gash in the bow damaging two fuel tanks.

SOURCE CONTROL: The vessel has an estimated 16,290-gallon capacity of which 12,790 gallons of fuel remain on board. The remaining tanks and hull appear to be undamaged, and valves are closed. There are approximately 300 gallons of other oils and lubricants on board.

RESPONSE ACTION: Limited sorbent boom is on scene, and protective boom has been deployed near the Kitoi Bay Hatchery as a precautionary measure. The responsible party has secured Alaska Chadux Network (Chadux) for the response. Cleanup resources are enroute.

RESOURCES AT RISK OR AFFECTED: Outer Kitoi Bay and Izhut Bay. Due to fuel sheen in the area the Alaska Department of Fish and Game released an Advisory Announcement on September 1, 2025, at 5:00pm, closing commercial salmon fishing in Outer Kitoi Bay and Izhut Bay sections of the Afognak District until further notice. Updates on commercial fishery advisories can be found here:

<https://www.adfg.alaska.gov/index.cfm?adfg=CommercialByAreaKodiak.salmon>

There are several species on the threatened and endangered species list that could be in the affected area including the northern sea otter, Steller's eiders, and short-tailed albatross. Additionally, a variety of migratory birds may be present in this area, potentially in large numbers. Otters and whales have been sighted in the area. At this time there have been no reports of impacts to wildlife.

The submerged waters around Afognak Islands are administered by the Alaska Maritime National Wildlife Refuge. Afognak Island State Park and State Recreation Area border the Southeast side of Izhut Bay, and a State Public use cabin located between the shoreline and Pillar Lake that could possibly be affected.

FUTURE PLANS AND RECOMMENDATIONS: Chadux will assess the condition of the damaged vessel, provide additional protection to the hatchery if needed, and determine the extent of the release and recovery options. Following the assessment, Chadux will develop a plan for the stabilization and recovery of the vessel and cleanup measures. DEC and USCG are coordinating on this response.

WEATHER: Today's forecast: a slight chance of rain and patchy fog before 10am, south/southeast wind 10 to 15 kt, seas 1 ft or less. Tonight's forecast: a slight chance of rain after 10pm, wind south/southeast around 20 kt, seas 1 ft or less. Tomorrow's forecast: a slight chance of rain before 1pm, variable winds 5kt or less, seas 1 ft or less.

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

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[<https://dec.alaska.gov/spar/ppr/spill-information/response/>]



Photo: Izhut Bay, September 2, 2025. Photo credit, United States Coast Guard

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