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Division of Spill Prevention and Response  
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***SITUATION REPORT (SITREP)***

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## **F/V Sea Ern Izhut Bay Kodiak Diesel Release**

**SITREP #:** 2 and final

**SPILL #:** 25249924401

**DATE/TIME OF DISTRIBUTION:** September 5, 2025, at 11:30am

**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 salvage crew reported starboard bow tank damage, with a capacity of 4,600 gallons diesel. Based on the usage at the time of the grounding it is estimated that 3000 – 3500 gallons of diesel was released from the vessel tank when punctured.

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

**SOURCE CONTROL:** The vessel's temporary patch was reinforced and the vessel towed to Kodiak. The remaining tanks and hull appear to be undamaged, and valves were closed. The vessel had an estimated 16,290-gallon capacity. 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. The salvage contractor (DeHart) arrived on scene September 3, 2025, and began assessing the stability of the vessel, condition of fuel tanks, and conducted evaluation of temporary patching of the hole. A tow plan was developed and submitted to the USCG and DEC. With approval the vessel was towed to Kodiak and arrived at Kodiak Harbor at approximately 7:00am on September 5, 2025, finishing the transit under its own power. The vessel was drydocked at the City of Kodiak shipyard at 11:00am on September 5, 2025.

Chadux, along with the hatchery staff conducted surveys, both on water and by drone, of the inner bay around the hatchery. They surveyed the west side of Izhut Bay with limited patches of weathered sheen sighted. ADF&G



(Alaska Department of Fish and Game) has provided support to responders with overflights. Shoreline surveys near the Sea Ern grounding location continue to be conducted.

**RESOURCES AT RISK OR AFFECTED:** Outer Kitoi Bay and Izhut Bay. Limited sheen has been seen near the Kitoi Bay Hatchery which continues to be a priority for responders. 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> ADF&G continues to do overflights to evaluate safely opening commercial fisheries.

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. There continues to be no reports of impacts to wildlife. Aerial overflights and on water observations by Chadux of the area are being used to monitor wildlife. Sea otters and baleen whales have been observed behaving normally and swimming in the bay.

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 provide additional protection to the hatchery if needed, and determine the extent of the release and shoreline response options. DEC and USCG are coordinating on this response.

Chadux will continue to assess areas with visible sheen within the Inner Kitoi Bay and assist the hatchery as needed.

**WEATHER:**

Today: West wind 10 kt in the morning becoming variable less than 10 kts. Seas 2 ft.

Tonight: Variable wind less than 10kt. Seas 2 ft.

Tomorrow: Southeast wind 10 kt becoming South 20 kt in the afternoon. Seas 3ft. Rain.

**UNIFIED COMMAND AND PERSONNEL:**

SOSC: Anna Carey, DEC

SOSC-R: Sonja Mishmash, DEC

FOSC-R: Anthony Urbana, USCG

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

**FOR ADDITIONAL INFORMATION CONTACT:**

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