

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

SITUATION REPORT

INCIDENT NAME: F/V Carrie Sinking

SITREP #: 3 and Final

SPILL NUMBER: 06119921601

LEDGER CODE: Not requested

TIME/DATE OF SPILL: 10:30 AM, August 4, 2006

TIME/DATE OF SITUATION REPORT: 3:30 PM, August 15, 2006

TIME/DATE OF THE NEXT REPORT: This is the final situation report.

TYPE/AMOUNT OF PRODUCT SPILLED: The reporting party stated to the U. S. Coast Guard that the vessel had 500 gallons of diesel fuel and 10 drums of gasoline on board when the vessel sank. The actual amount of product spilled is unknown. A one mile long sheen was reported coming from the vessel soon after the accident.

LOCATION: The vessel sunk just south of Narrow Point on Prince of Wales Island in Clarence Strait. The location of the sinking is approximately 38 nautical miles northwest of Ketchikan, Alaska

CAUSE OF SPILL: The 40 foot wooden fishing vessel is reported to have grounded and sunk.

POTENTIAL RESPONSIBLE PARTY (PRP): The PRP is Jim Widmyer of Edna Bay, Prince of Wales Island.

RESPONSE ACTION: The Coast Guard completed their pollution case after the fuel tank vents were plugged and the nine drums of gasoline were removed. The PRP then hired Alaska Commercial Divers (ACD) to attempt to raise the vessel and remove any further pollution threat.

On Friday, August 10th, at approximately 12:00 PM, an ACD diver patched the holes in the vessel's hull and surveyed the condition of the vessel. The vessel remains in approximately 70 feet of water and in a very hazardous location sitting on a submerged ledge. The vessel is reported to be rubbing on the rocks, and is slowly breaking apart. At this time, further attempts to raise the vessel are considered unsafe and ACD recommended scuttling the vessel by pulling it into deeper water to prevent impacts to the shoreline when the vessel breaks up. However, the PRP did not have sufficient funds to undertake this operation.

Fuel vents remain plugged and patches on the holes in the vessel remain in place. As of August 10, there was no report of oil being released from the vessel.

The quantity of diesel fuel remaining on board is unknown but the PRP estimates it's approximately 300 to 400 gallons. One (1) fifty-five gallon drum of gasoline remains wedged inside the wheel house and cannot be safely removed.

ADEC contacted ADNR and discussed the potential scuttling of the vessel or leaving the vessel in place.

SOURCE CONTROL: The fuel vents have been plugged and nine of ten drums of gasoline have been removed from the vessel.

RESOURCES AFFECTED: The marine waters of Clarence Strait. There is no report of impacts to wildlife or other resources.

FUTURE PLANS AND RECOMMENDATIONS: ADEC will contact the PRP about debris removal in the event the vessel breaks up.

ADEC will contact the US Forest Service in Thorne Bay to request a report if they note any pollution or debris coming from the vessel when in the area.

The U. S. Coast Guard is prepared to rehire ACD to respond if further oil discharges occur.

WEATHER: North winds to 10 kts, mostly sunny, temperature in the upper 60's.

UNIFIED COMMAND AND PERSONNEL:

Incident Commander: Jim Widmyer, (PRP)
F.O.S.C.: Captain Mark Guillory (USCG)
S.O.S.C.: Scot Tiernan (ADEC)
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