

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

**SITUATION REPORT**

**INCIDENT NAME:** F/V Top Notch grounding                      **SITREP #:** Sitrep 1

**SPILL NUMBER:** 06119927001                                      **LEDGER CODE:**

**TIME/DATE OF SPILL:** September 27, 2006 4:30 pm

**TIME/DATE OF SITUATION REPORT:** September 28, 2006 4:30 pm

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

**TYPE/AMOUNT OF PRODUCT SPILLED:** The owner/operator reported an estimated 400 to 450 gallons of fuel on board the vessel at the time of the grounding. He also reported there are 30 gallons of hydraulic oil and 5 gallons of gasoline on board the vessel. The vessel's maximum fuel capacity is 1200 gallons.

**LOCATION:** Nichols Bay on the south end of Prince of Wales Island approximately 50 miles south of Ketchikan, Alaska

**CAUSE OF SPILL:** The owner reported the vessel grounded yesterday afternoon. The cause of the sheen has not been determined at this time.

**POTENTIAL RESPONSIBLE PARTY (PRP):** Michael Steele

**RESPONSE ACTION:** The Coast Guard Cutter Naushon safely removed the owner and the deckhand from the vessel. Coast Guard MSD Ketchikan conducted an overflight and noted sheen around the vessel.

**SOURCE CONTROL:** None at this time.

**RESOURCES AFFECTED:** The marine waters in the vicinity of Nichols Bay on Prince of Wales Island. There have been no reports of impacts to wildlife or to the shoreline in the vicinity of the grounding.

**FUTURE PLANS AND RECOMMENDATIONS:** The PRP is developing a salvage plan for refloating the vessel. He will return to the vessel this afternoon or tomorrow morning with a de-watering pump. Upon arrival the fuel vents will be plugged. The PRP then plans to remove the shrimp pots and ice from the vessel to lighten it. After removing pots and ice the vessel will be de-watered. The PRP/owner anticipates that the vessel will float with the next high tide after the proposed lightening of the vessel is complete.

**WEATHER:** On scene weather is reported to be calm. The forecast calls for Southeast winds at 20 to 30 knots and 8 foot seas.

**UNIFIED COMMAND AND PERSONNEL:**

Incident Commander: Michael Steele (PRP)  
F.O.S.C.: Capt Mark Guillory (USCG)  
S.O.S.C.: Bob Mattson (ADEC)  
Field S.O.S.C.: none

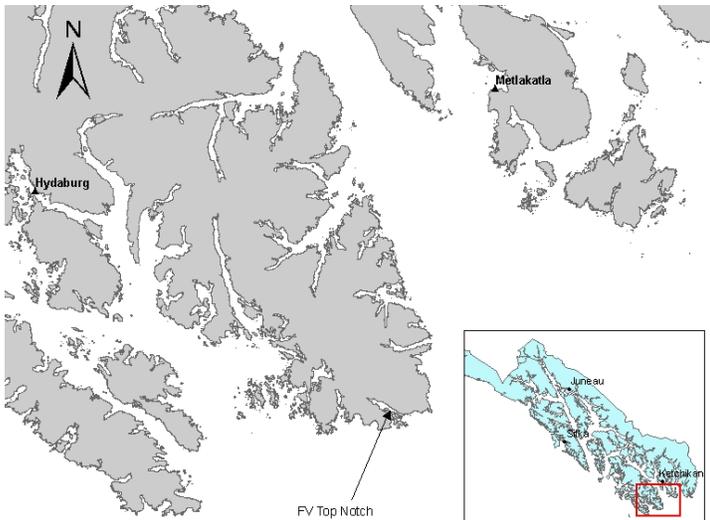
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F/V Top Notch, aground in Nichols Bay. Photo by US Coast Guard