

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

SITUATION REPORT

INCIDENT NAME: Snug Harbor Seafoods Barge

SITREP #: 1

SPILL NUMBER: 07239910701

LEDGER CODE: Not Requested

TIME/DATE OF SPILL: Barge discovered broken from moorings and grounded near mouth of Kenai River at 08:00 AM on April 17, 2007. Reported by PRP at 3:21 PM on April 17, 2007.

TIME/DATE OF SITUATION REPORT: 10:00 AM April 19, 2007

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

TYPE/AMOUNT OF PRODUCT SPILLED: The PRP estimates that 20 gallons of hydraulic oil has been released.

LOCATION: Kenai River, Cook Inlet

CAUSE OF SPILL: A deck barge used as a fish buying and vessel support platform during the fishing season was reportedly torn from its moorings during an extreme ebb tide in the early morning of April 17, 2007 when the ice broke in the Kenai River. The barge drifted in large broken ice floes and grounded on the north river bank approximately half a mile from the mouth of the Kenai River.

The deck of the barge had miscellaneous fish sorting equipment, 3 small cranes, a hydraulic power pack and a small office shack. There was no diesel or gasoline stored on the vessel. The vessel has 4 compartments: the 2 equal-sized mid compartments comprise about 70% of internal space and the 2 equal-sized end-tanks comprise 30% of internal space.

The barge is at rest almost parallel to the north river bank. The deck of the barge was nearly 70% covered with 6 foot to 10 foot ice floes at low tide around noon on Wednesday, April 18, 2007. Deck hatches are off which may have been the cause of flooding and sinking during high tide. There has been sheening sighted in the river from residual hydraulic oil. Onboard inspection revealed some open-hole deck damage where equipment was torn off by ice floes. Two heavily damaged cranes remained as of noon yesterday; one is on the upriver starboard bow, the other dangling off the downriver port stern quarter.

POTENTIAL RESPONSIBLE PARTY (PRP): Snug Harbor Seafoods, Kenai.

RESPONSE ACTION: Snug Harbor Seafoods workers attempted to pump water from the vessel using 2 inch, 3 inch and 4 inch pumps without success on the afternoon of April 17, 2007.

SOURCE CONTROL: Attempt to recover hydraulic pack and secure source of hydraulic leaks.

RESOURCES AFFECTED: Kenai River

FUTURE PLANS AND RECOMMENDATIONS: Plans today call for mobilizing and staging larger 6 inch pumps, replacement of the hatch-covers, absorbent materials, and a 32-foot work boat to the dock in preparation for salvage and refloating of the vessel. Continue assessment of damage to hull and deck of barge during low tide. Operations include locating replacement hatches and fabricating plate covers with bolt clamps and metal bar backing to place over holes in deck. Collect deflated buoys to inflate and plug hull openings. Place absorbent materials on work boats in case of opportunity to secure it at source of hydraulic leak. Swift currents, numerous large ice floes and extreme tides dictate the need for extreme care and safety will be the first priority during the response.

WEATHER: Today cloudy, Highs near 45° F with light winds 5 to 15 MPH. Extreme tides are expected through the end of the week (highs to 24 ft, lows to – 5 feet).

UNIFIED COMMAND AND PERSONNEL:

Incident Commander: Paul Dale, Snug Harbor Seafoods
 F.O.S.C. : Capt. Mark DeVries, USCG
 S.O.S.C. : Gary Folley, ADEC
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