

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

SITUATION REPORT

INCIDENT NAME: *F/V Westward* Grounding

SITREP #: 2

SPILL NUMBER: 08119904801

LEDGER CODE: 14250260

TIME/DATE OF SPILL: 1:47 AM February 17, 2008

TIME/DATE OF SITUATION REPORT: 4:00 PM February 19, 2008

TIME/DATE OF THE NEXT REPORT: 3:00 PM February 20, 2008

TYPE/AMOUNT OF PRODUCT SPILLED: There has been not an estimate of the amount of product discharged at this time. The vessel's owner reported that the vessel was carrying 4,000 gallons of diesel fuel in six tanks at the time of the grounding. The owner reported that the vessel also has the capacity to carry 150 gallons of lube oil and 150 gallons of hydraulic oil. The owner was not able to confirm the exact amounts of lube and hydraulic oil the vessel had onboard at the time of the grounding.

LOCATION: The vessel grounded and sank against the shore near Pt. Ildefonso on west side of Prince of Wales Island. The casualty site is approximately 6 miles northwest of Klawock, Alaska and 65 miles northwest of Ketchikan, Alaska.

CAUSE OF SPILL: The vessel grounded and sank.

POTENTIAL RESPONSIBLE PARTY (PRP): F/V Westward LLC, 10000 Juniper Hollow Lane, Prineville , OR 97754.

RESPONSE ACTION: The vessel remains grounded and boomed off along the shoreline of Prince of Wales Island. The vessel is almost completely submerged at high tide. On the afternoon of February 18 the owner informed the Coast Guard the vessel has 130 tons of herring on board. Initial damage assessments were completed during low tide on the afternoon of February 18. There are two holes visible in the bow measuring approximately two by four feet and three by four feet. These holes were visible from the shoreline in front of the vessel. There have been no assessments of damage to the vessel's stern as this area remains inaccessible.

On the evening of February 18 SEAPRO personnel attempted to lighter fuel from the day tank in the stern of the vessel but only seawater was found in this tank. They then began lightering fuel from the forward starboard fuel tank into the OSRV *Rudyard Bay* recovering an estimated 2,000 gallons of fuel from this tank; this fuel was transferred to a storage tank on the morning of February 19 and the amount of fuel was determined to be between 2,000 and 2,100 gallons with a minor amount of seawater mixed in it. The amount of fuel remaining in the stern fuel tanks has not been determined as the vessel's piping does not permit sounding of the fuel tanks.

A marine surveyor hired by the vessel's owner arrived on scene the morning of the 19th.

On the morning of February 19 ADEC contacted the State Historic Preservation Office (SHPO), US Forest Service archeologists, native organizations in Craig and Klawock and the City of Klawock to ensure all parties were aware of the situation. The mayor of Klawock gave ADEC some general information on subsistence resources in the area. The City of Klawock and the native organizations in both Klawock and Craig have been asked to contact ADEC with any concerns members of the communities have regarding subsistence resources in the area. The SHPO and US Forest Service archeologist provided information on historic sties and recommendations for protection of sites in the area.

SOURCE CONTROL: All fuel tank vents were plugged to prevent the discharge of oil. There remains a potential for the discharge of oil or oily mixtures from the vessel's bilge.

RESOURCES AFFECTED: The marine waters in the vicinity of Klawock, Alaska have been impacted. There are currently no reports of impacts to wildlife or the shoreline as a result of the casualty.

FUTURE PLANS AND RECOMMENDATIONS: SEAPRO's OSRV Rudyerd Bay and SEAPRO personnel remain on scene and will continue to lighter fuel and oils as permitted by tide and weather conditions. The vessel's owner continues to bring in equipment as needed for the response efforts. There is a proposal to boom 11 Mile Creek, an anadromous fish stream just north of the grounding site, using ADEC containment boom. This has been addressed with both SHPO and the US Forest Service archeologist and is approved with limitations. The Coast Guard continues to work with the vessel's owner on salvage and lightering plans. ADEC continues to monitor the situation and provide information to other State and federal agencies.

WEATHER: Current weather includes periods of rain, temperatures reaching 50 degrees and southeast winds 15 to 25 mph with gusts to around 35 mph. For February 20 the winds are predicted to be 25-35 MPH with gusts to 45 MPH and temperatures in the mid 40's.

UNIFIED COMMAND AND PERSONNEL:

Incident Commander: Jay Barnett, F/V Westward LLC
 F.O.S.C.: Capt. Mark Guillory, USCG
 S.O.S.C.: Bob Mattson ADEC
 Field S.O.S.C.: none at this time

FOR ADDITIONAL INFORMATION CONTACT: Scot W. Tiernan at 907-465-5378 to 907-321-3428.

Photographs and other spill information will be made available for viewing at

<http://www.dec.state.ak.us/spar/perp/index.htm>

AGENCY/STAKEHOLDER NOTIFICATION LIST

This sitrep has been distributed via email to the Governor's office, ADF&G, ADNR, SECC, USEPA, USDOJ, NMFS, USFWS, and USFS in addition to the following.

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