

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

SITUATION REPORT

INCIDENT NAME: F/V Mar-Gun Grounding St. George Island

SITREP #: 1

SPILL NUMBER: 09259906401

LEDGER CODE: Requested

TIME/DATE OF SPILL: The US Coast Guard (USCG) Sector Anchorage notified ADEC at 6:15 AM on March 5, 2009 that the F/V Mar-Gun had run aground with five (5) people on board and was taking on water. The F/V Mar-Gun is a 112-foot trawl vessel.

TIME/DATE OF SITUATION REPORT: 2:00 PM on March 5, 2009

TIME/DATE OF THE NEXT REPORT: 3:00 PM on March 6, 2009

TYPE/AMOUNT OF PRODUCT SPILLED: This incident is currently being reported as a potential release. The vessel owner and crew informed the USCG that there was approximately 15,000 gallons of diesel fuel, and an unknown amount of lube and hydraulic oil on board.

LOCATION: North shoreline of St. George Island, at approximately Latitude 56° 36' N, Longitude 169° 36' W. St. George Island is located in the Bering Sea approximately 250 miles northwest of Unalaska.

CAUSE OF SPILL: The cause of the grounding is being investigated by the USCG.

POTENTIAL RESPONSIBLE PARTY (PRP): Margun Enterprises LLC.

RESPONSE ACTION: The five crew members were safely removed from the vessel by USCG helicopter. The PRP has contracted Magone Marine Services to remove the diesel fuel from the vessel and develop a salvage plan. A Unified Command meeting was completed at 11:00 AM and the following incident objectives were established:

- Ensure the safety of the responders and public
- Assess the stability of the vessel
- Develop a plan to remove all fuel and other oils from the vessel as soon as possible
- Identify resources at risk
- Develop a salvage plan

SOURCE CONTROL: Prior to leaving the vessel, the crew was able to transfer all the diesel fuel from the double bottoms to the wing tanks. In addition, the crew was able to plug the vessel's fuel tanks.

RESOURCES AFFECTED: There have been no reports of impacted wildlife at this time

FUTURE PLANS AND RECOMMENDATIONS: Dan Magone, with Magone Marine Services is expected to arrive on scene this afternoon to conduct a survey of the vessel. The M/V Redeemer, a salvage support vessel of Magone Marine Services, is expected to depart Dutch Harbor later today and arrive on scene tomorrow evening. Magone Marine Services will develop a plan to pump the fuel and other oils off the vessel, as soon as personnel and equipment can be mobilized. There is road access close to the grounding location.

The USCG and ADEC are making preparations to send response staff out to St. George Island on a charter flight on March 6, 2009.

WEATHER: Winds from the west at 30 knots with gust to 55 knots, scattered snow showers, seas 17-20 feet, temperatures in the low 30s.

UNIFIED COMMAND AND PERSONNEL:

Incident Commander: Haresh Gidwani (PRP)
 F.O.S.C. : CDR Joseph LoSciuto (USCG)
 S.O.S.C. : Gary Folley (ADEC)
 L.O.S.C : Maxim Malavansky Jr. (St. George Traditional Council)

FOR ADDITIONAL INFORMATION CONTACT: Gary Folley, ADEC, 262-5210 ext 234

AGENCY/STAKEHOLDER NOTIFICATION LIST

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AGENCY	NAME	Sent Via		Telephone	Facsimile
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F/V Mar-Gun grounding location
 Photo provided by St. George Traditional Council (3/5/09)