

**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 #:** 15

**SPILL NUMBER:** 09259906401

**LEDGER CODE:** 14251760

**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, a 112-foot trawl vessel had run aground with five (5) people on board and was taking on water.

**TIME/DATE OF SITUATION REPORT:** 12:00 PM on Thursday, April 2, 2009

**TIME/DATE OF THE NEXT REPORT:** 12:00 PM on Monday, April 6, 2009

**TYPE/AMOUNT OF PRODUCT SPILLED:** An unknown amount of diesel fuel has been released. 18,371 gallons of fluids have been removed from the vessel.

**LOCATION:** North shoreline of St. George Island, at approximately Latitude 56° 36' N, Longitude 169° 36' W. St. George Island is one of the Pribilof Islands 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:** Salvors conducted vessel, helicopter and fabrications operations during the past two days.

On board the vessel, crews cleaned and dewatered the engine room and the #1 fish hold; set up a pump to dewater minor engine room spaces; prepared for installation of under-deck reinforcements; patched leaks in the bulkhead wire-way and bulkhead packing around the propeller shaft; made repairs to the vessel's hydraulic system to bypass an inoperative motor and chipped away ice on deck to make room for fabricated parts and other equipment required for vessel recovery.

During helicopter operations the salvors transferred fabricated parts to the vessel and removed three drums of oily waste for transfer to the incineration site. Incineration operations are continuing as weather permits.

Fabrication continued in the harbor on base cross members and columns to be installed in the #1 fish hold for reinforcement.

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

During a recent storm a city transformer failed and shut down power to the village store and the airport. This impacted the function of the Automated Surface Observing System (ASOS) and the ability to land passenger flights. Alternate plans are in place to transfer personnel between St. Paul and St. George using the helicopter. Commercial flights are arriving in St. Paul as weather permits.

**FUTURE PLANS AND RECOMMENDATIONS:** Continue operations on board vessel and in temporary fabrication locations to prepare for vessel recovery. Send the M/V Western Viking to/from Dutch Harbor as needed for salvage materials.

**WEATHER:** Partly cloudy with isolated snow showers, highs in the mid 20s, with north winds 20 to 30 mph.

**UNIFIED COMMAND AND PERSONNEL:**

Incident Commander: Kristina O'Connor (PRP)  
 F.O.S.C. : CDR Joseph LoSciuto (USCG)  
 S.O.S.C. : Gary Folley (ADEC)  
 L.O.S.C. : Sally Mercurief (St. George Traditional Council)

**FOR ADDITIONAL INFORMATION CONTACT:**

Gary Folley, ADEC, 262-5210 ext 234  
 Weld Royal, ADEC Public Information Officer, 465-5009/321-5491

A Unified Command Web site has been established at  
<http://www.dec.state.ak.us/spar/perp/mar-gun>

**AGENCY/STAKEHOLDER NOTIFICATION LIST**

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

AGENCY	NAME	Sent Via		Telephone	Facsimile
USCG Sector Anchorage	U.S. Coast Guard Sector Anchorage, Response Incident Management Division	Fax		271-6700	271-6751
USEPA	Matt Carr	Fax		271-3616	271-3424
OTHER	NAME	Sent Via	Session/Interim	Telephone	Facsimile
DH Port Director	Alvin Osterback	Fax		581-1254	581-2519
Unalaska Mayor	Shirley Marquardt	Fax		581-1211	581-1695
Aleut Regional Native Corporation/ANC office		Fax		561-4300	563-4328
St. George Traditional Council	Maxim Malavansky Jr	Fax		859-2447	859-2251
City of St George		Fax		859-2205	859-2242
Senate S/Bethel	Lyman Hoffman	Fax	Bethel/Juneau	465-4453	465-4523
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F/V MAR-GUN 3/28/09

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