

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 #: 19

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: 2:00 PM on Thursday, April 23, 2009

TIME/DATE OF THE NEXT REPORT: 2:00 PM on Thursday, April 30, 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: Poor weather conditions prevented some work on the vessel last week. Strong winds from the north brought the sea ice back around the vessel and hindered some operations. On board the F/V Mar-Gun, crews continued to knock off accumulated ice as it formed on the vessel. Welding and prep-work continued in the development of stern fixtures and wire fairleads for the multi block system, which will be used to pull the Mar-Gun from the shore.

During helicopter operations the salvors continued to transfer additional steel and fabricated parts to the vessel. The helicopter assisted with transporting the multi-part block system to the F/V Mar-Gun. The helicopter will also be used to transfer four drums of diesel fuel to the F/V Mar-Gun to maintain operations onboard the vessel.

The M/V Redeemer set the first offshore ten-ton anchor system yesterday and the helicopter assisted with the deployment of the two-inch wire rope to the F/V Mar-Gun. A second eight-ton anchor system has been transported to St. George by the F/V Impala and is being made ready for deployment.

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

FUTURE PLANS AND RECOMMENDATIONS: Continue vessel removal preparations on board the F/V Mar-Gun by installing air fittings in the number three port wing tank and the forward and aft double-bottom tanks. Workers will remove any residual fuel from the port number one and two double-bottoms. Salvors will finalize hull repairs in the engine space. In addition, salvors will seal access to all double bottom tanks and the shaft alley covers in the number one and two fish holds.

The M/V Redeemer is currently enroute to Dutch Harbor to pick up a second 10-ton anchor system. Upon the M/V Redeemer's return to St. George Island, the anchor system will be deployed as outlined in the removal plan. The large anchors and multi-block systems will be connected to a trawl winch onboard the F/V Mar-Gun to provide the forces needed to pull the vessel off the shoreline. Current plans are to remove the vessel sometime between April 27-29, 2009 during the high tide, if conditions allow.

The Coast Guard and ADEC will continue to monitor vessel removal operations and provide support as needed.

WEATHER: Gale warning, winds southwest 20 knots, seas in ice-free waters 9 foot, temperature highs in the upper 30's. Friday: Gale warning, winds southeast 35 knots, seas in ice-free waters increasing to 13 ft. Friday night, snow and rain.

UNIFIED COMMAND AND PERSONNEL:

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

FOR ADDITIONAL INFORMATION CONTACT:

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

AGENCY/STAKEHOLDER NOTIFICATION LIST

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