

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 #: 22

SPILL NUMBER: 09259906401

LEDGER CODE: 14251760

TIME/DATE OF SPILL: The U.S. 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 May 11, 2009

TIME/DATE OF THE NEXT REPORT: As situation warrants

TYPE/AMOUNT OF PRODUCT SPILLED: An unknown amount of diesel fuel has been released. Approximately 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: The Unified Command and trustee agencies held meetings on May 5-6, 2009 to review and approve the salvors' request to remove a rock pinnacle using explosives from the proposed vessel removal pathway.

On May 7, 2009 at 1:00 PM, salvors successfully removed the pinnacle using explosives. During the blasting, observers were stationed at two separate locations on bluffs overlooking the grounding site to insure that there were no marine mammals or birds in the area. The wildlife impact monitoring continued through the afternoon and the next day. No impacts to wildlife were observed.

During the early morning high tides on May 10-11, 2009, salvors were able to use the M/V Redeemer and ground tackle system to pull the F/V Mar-Gun 45 feet seaward. Upon completion of each days pulling, the F/V Mar-Gun's hull was re-inspected for any damages and repairs where completed as needed.

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. Removal operations will continue as tide and weather allow.

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

WEATHER: East winds 10 knots, seas 3 foot, temperature highs in the upper 30° F with patchy fog. Winds increasing to 20 knots from the northeast, seas 5 foot, through the rest of the week.

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:

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 notified by fax:

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
Ounalashka Corp.	David Gregory	Fax		581-1276	581-1496
St. George Traditional Council	Maxim Malavansky Jr	Fax		859-2447	859-2251
City of St George		Fax		859-2205	859-2242
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