

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

SITUATION REPORT

INCIDENT NAME: F/V *Patty J* Grounding

SITREP #: 1

SPILL NUMBER: 09119922001

LEDGER CODE: Not Requested

TIME/DATE OF SPILL: 4:30 AM on August 8, 2009. Reported to ADEC at 7:00 AM on August 8, 2009 by the U.S. Coast Guard.

TIME/DATE OF SITUATION REPORT: 11:00 AM on August 11, 2009

TIME/DATE OF THE NEXT REPORT: 2:00 PM on August 12, 2009

TYPE/AMOUNT OF PRODUCT SPILLED: The F/V *Patty J* is reported to have contained approximately 700 gallons of diesel fuel and an unknown volume of lube and engine oil when it grounded. The hull has sustained considerable damage. Sheens have been reported around the vessel since its grounding.

LOCATION: Square Cove in Chatham Strait, Alaska.

CAUSE OF SPILL: The F/V *Patty J* grounded on a charted reef along Chatham Strait near Square Cove. The vessel is down by the bow and sitting at an approximately 75 degree angle to port. The vessel is sitting near a ledge where water depths reach approximately 45 feet.

POTENTIAL RESPONSIBLE PARTY (PRP): Dontos Enterprises, Inc.

RESPONSE ACTION: On August 8, 2009, Southeast Alaska Lighterage (SEAL), a local salvage contactor, deployed sorbent boom around the vessel and sealed the fuel vents by 4:55 PM. The vessel's seine net, weighing approximately 8,000 lbs, is partly on the aft deck, fouled in the rigging and partly on the reef. The engine room has not been accessed because the severe angle and the position of the seine net made the entry unsafe.

The SEAL salvage vessel *Poundstone* arrived on site at first light on the morning of August 9, 2009. Salvage divers arrived on site by helicopter at approximately 9:00 AM. Containment boom was deployed around the vessel and fuel recovery operations were initiated. F/V *Patty J* was secured to a large piece of steel from a previous shipwreck and marked with "keep off" signage before the salvage crew departed the site. The *Poundstone* departed for Juneau after fuel lightering operations were completed. The fuel will be unloaded at the SEAL dock in Auke Bay, Alaska.

SOURCE CONTROL: Poor weather and visibility hampered access to the site and initial oil spill response actions. The vessel vents were plugged and sorbent boom was deployed during the first site visit on August 8, 2009.

On August 10, 2009, approximately 800 gallons of diesel fuel and water were removed from the vessel and fuel vents were secured with Splash Zone (underwater epoxy). Containment boom was deployed around the grounded vessel on August 10, 2009 and will be maintained until no further pollution threat is evident.

RESOURCES AFFECTED: At this time there have been no reports of impacts to wildlife or the shoreline.

FUTURE PLANS AND RECOMMENDATIONS: Representatives for the responsible party will confirm the capacity of the fuel tanks to insure that all fuel onboard the vessel has been removed. The Incident Commander, an owner representative, and the U.S. Coast Guard will conduct an overflight on the morning of August 11, 2009 to determine if diesel fuel continues to be discharged. A meeting will be held on the afternoon of August 11, 2009 with the Unified Command to discuss future courses of action including salvage or other vessel disposal options.

WEATHER: South winds 10 knots shifting to southeast tonight. Seas forecasted two feet or less. Areas of fog late with rain.

UNIFIED COMMAND AND PERSONNEL:

Incident Commander: Philip McCrudden, Meredith Management Group
 F.O.S.C.: Capt. Mellissa Bert, USCG
 S.O.S.C.: Scot W. Tiernan, ADEC
 Field S.O.S.C.: None

FOR ADDITIONAL INFORMATION CONTACT: Scot W. Tiernan, ADEC, 907-465-5378

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, USFS and NOAA in addition to the following.

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F/V *Patty J* grounded in Chatham Strait, August 10, 2009 (Meredith Management Group).