

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

INCIDENT NAME: F/V Vigilant Sinking

SITREP #: 3 and Final

SPILL NUMBER: 09239922601

LEDGER CODE: Not Requested

TIME/DATE OF INCIDENT: The F/V *Vigilant* sank around 3:00 AM on August 14, 2009. ADEC was notified of the incident at 7:00 AM by the U.S. Coast Guard.

TIME/DATE OF SITUATION REPORT: 2:00 PM on November 6, 2009

TIME/DATE OF THE NEXT REPORT: This is the final report

TYPE/AMOUNT OF PRODUCT SPILLED: Glacier Seafood's LLC reported that their 58 foot fish tender, F/V *Vigilant*, carrying 114,000 pounds of pink Salmon on board, sank with approximately 700 gallons of diesel fuel and an estimated 150 gallons of lube oils on board. Based on information provided by the dive team, it is presumed that all of the diesel fuel and lube oil on board was lost during the grounding. An oily sheen was visible in the area on August 14, 2009.

LOCATION: Southwest entrance to Chugach Bay, Southern Kenai Peninsula. At 59° 09.800N - 151° 33.900W

CAUSE OF SPILL: Vessel operator left the bridge to check an engine room alarm and upon returning, found vessel to be off course and in shallow water. Corrective action resulted in the vessel grounding on offshore rocks.

POTENTIAL RESPONSIBLE PARTY (PRP): Glacier Seafood's LLC, Seward, Alaska

RESPONSE ACTIONS: Over flights was conducted to monitor the position of the vessel and to determine if the vessel was leaking petroleum products. Sometime before the end of August, the vessel shifted into slightly deeper water and appeared to be breaking up.

SOURCE CONTROL: Fuel vents have been secured on the vessel.

RESOURCES AFFECTED: Gulf of Alaska coastal waters.

FUTURE PLANS AND RECOMMENDATIONS: The PRP requested proposals from three salvage companies to remove the vessel from its current location for disposal. All three companies declined to submit a bid for removal this fall. Safety of operations due to expected weather patterns and the exposed location of the wreck were the primary reasons provided. The PRP will request the salvage companies to resubmit their bids in the spring. A plan has been submitted to the Unified Command for monitoring the vessel's position and condition throughout the winter season. This plan will include scheduled over-flights and pollution prevention and response capabilities.

WEATHER: Mostly cloudy with scattered rain and snow showers. Highs in the mid 30s and mid 40s. West to north winds 5 to 15 mph.

UNIFIED COMMAND AND PERSONNEL

R.P.I.C: Andrew Wilder, Glacier Seafood's LLC

F.O.S.C: Capt. Fosdick, USCG

S.O.S.C: Gary Folley, ADEC

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AGENCY/STAKEHOLDER NOTIFICATION LIST

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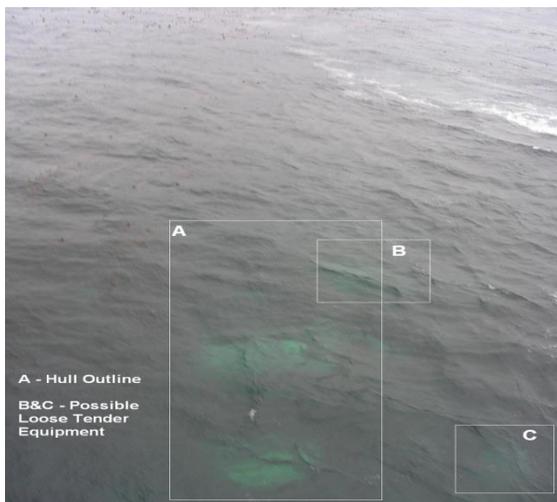


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