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

SITUATION REPORT

INCIDENT NAME: F/V Alaskan Pride Fire and Sinking
SPILL NUMBER: 09119928601
LEDGER CODE: Not Requested

SITREP #: 1 and Final
TIME/DATE OF SPILL: 10:40 PM on October 13, 2009; reported to ADEC at 10:11 AM on October 14, 2009 by the U.S. Coast Guard (USCG).
TIME/DATE OF THE NEXT REPORT: N/A
TIME/DATE OF SITUATION REPORT: 2:00 PM on October 15, 2009

TYPE/AMOUNT OF PRODUCT SPILLED: The F/V Alaskan Pride was reported to have approximately 400 gallons of diesel fuel and an unknown volume of lube and engine oil when a fire started in the engine space. A silver sheen was reported when the vessel sank; it is unknown what amount of fuel burned before the vessel sank.

LOCATION: Square Cove in Chatham Strait, Alaska.

CAUSE OF SPILL: The F/V Alaskan Pride caught fire and subsequently sank.

POTENTIAL RESPONSIBLE PARTY (PRP): Alaska Glacier Seafoods

RESPONSE ACTION: On the evening of October 13, 2009, a fire started in the engine space of the 55-foot, fiberglass hulled F/V Alaskan Pride. The two crew members sent a mayday at 10:40 pm after an unsuccessful attempt to control the fire and abandoned the vessel to a raft. The Alaska Marine Highway ferry Taku responded and collected the crew, unharmed, from Chatham Strait north of Hawk Inlet, Admiralty Island.

The USCG conducted an overflight around 11:00 AM on October 14 and reported that the vessel was still on fire. The vessel had floated approximately 7.9 nautical miles southeast to Point Marsden since the crew abandoned ship the night before. By 2:00 PM the vessel had moved another 3 nautical miles south and sank in several hundred feet of water near Square Cove, Admiralty Island. Sheen was reported around the vessel after its sinking and was expected to dissipate quickly.

SOURCE CONTROL: Due to the duration of the fire it is believed that most of the petroleum products burned prior to the sinking of the vessel.

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

FUTURE PLANS AND RECOMMENDATIONS: The USCG is continuing to investigate the cause of the incident. The removal of the wreckage from the area will be decided by ADNR and the owner of the vessel.

WEATHER: North winds at 20 knots shifting to northeast and decreasing late, sea 4 feet. Rain forecasted for the afternoon, continuing late.

UNIFIED COMMAND AND PERSONNEL:
Incident Commander: None
F.O.S.C.: Capt. Mellissa Bert, USCG
Acting S.O.S.C.: Robert Fultz, ADEC
Field S.O.S.C.: None

FOR ADDITIONAL INFORMATION CONTACT: Sarah Moore, ADEC, 907-465-5239
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Photos of the F/V Alaskan Pride from the first overflight on October 14, 2009 (USCG).
The fire ignition site and sinking location of the F/V Alaskan Pride.