



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

## ***F/V Evening Star Sinking***

**SITREP # 1**

**SPILL #:** 12119921501

**TIME/DATE OF DISTRIBUTION:** 3:00 p.m. August 7, 2012

**POTENTIAL RESPONSIBLE PARTY (PRP):** Kenneth Phippen

**INCIDENT LOCATION:** Slocum Arm, approximately 43 nautical miles north Sitka, Alaska.

**TIME/DATE OF SPILL:** 6:00 a.m. August 2, 2012

**TYPE/AMOUNT OF PRODUCT SPILLED:** At the time of sinking the vessel was reported to have 1000 gallons of diesel fuel on board. The engine room holds approximately 25 gallons of lube oil and a hydraulic oil tank with a capacity of 160 gallons. It is unknown how much product has been released at this time.

**CAUSE OF SPILL:** The F/V *Evening Star* capsized and sank while seine fishing for salmon in Slocum Arm. The cause of the sinking is unknown at this time.

**SOURCE CONTROL:** Source control has not been achieved.

**RESPONSE ACTION:** The responsible party's insurance company has contract with Bowditch Marine, Inc. (Bowditch), a marine survey company, who contracted with Global Diving and Salvage, Inc. (Global) to conduct pollution control and removal.

On August 5, 2012, Bowditch, Global and the vessel owner conducted a site assessment. They found the vessel vertically oriented, with the bow down in approximately 90 feet of water and the stern up in approximately 10 feet of water. The seine net was still tethered to the vessel and was floating on the surface. A light rainbow and silver sheen was observed around the vessel.

A Casualty Response Plan has been developed and submitted to the United States Coast Guard (USCG) and Alaska Department of Environmental Conservation (ADEC) for review.

On August 7, 2012, representatives from USCG, ADEC, Global and the Alaska Department of Natural Resources met to discuss current and future operations and expectations, including possible removal of the vessel.

Global will be providing daily situational updates.

**RESOURCES AFFECTED:** Marine waters of Slocum Arm. On August 2, 2012 the Alaska Department of Fish and Game announced an emergency closure for the salmon purse seine fishery of Slocum Arm. The closure was



issued to prevent harvesting fish in areas with possible oil contamination. At this time no impacts to fish or wildlife have been reported.

**FUTURE PLANS AND RECOMMENDATIONS:** Global is mobilizing equipment for dive and defueling operations. Global has estimated the start of date for operations to be August 14, 2012. ADEC and USCG will continue to monitor the situation.

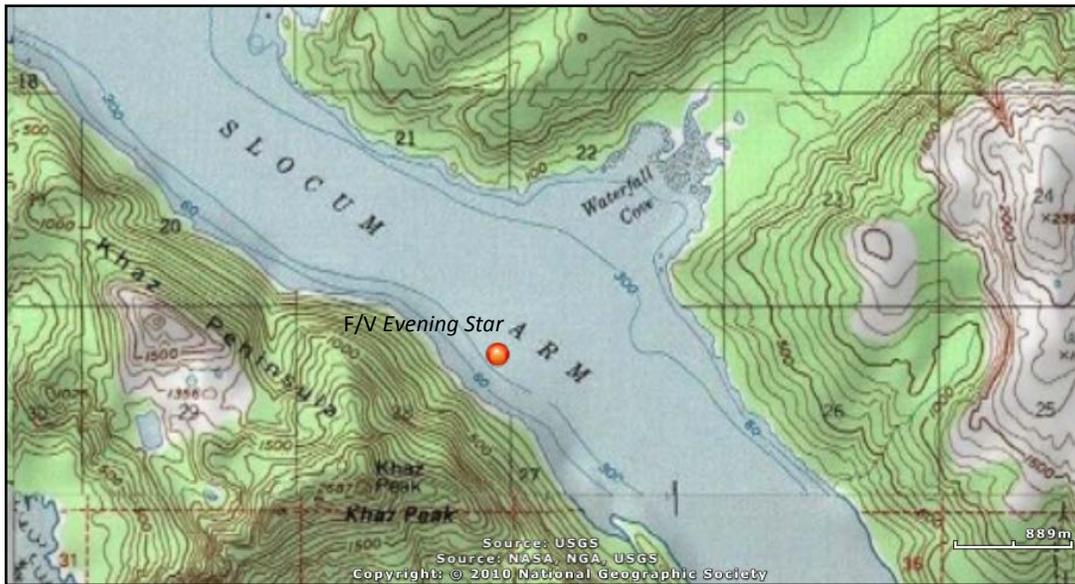
**WEATHER:** Today: Rain; variable winds at 10 knots becoming southeast 15 knots this afternoon; seas 5 feet. Tonight: Rain; southeast winds 20 knots; seas 6 feet. Tomorrow: Rain in the morning; southeast winds 20 knots diminishing in the late morning; seas 6 feet.

**UNIFIED COMMAND AND PERSONNEL:**

Incident Commander:	Richard Shaw, Bowditch Marine Inc.
SOSC:	Scot Tiernan, ADEC
FOSC:	Capt. Scott Bornemann, USCG

**TIME/DATE OF THE NEXT REPORT DISTRIBUTION:** As the situation warrants.

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Location of the F/V Evening Star.

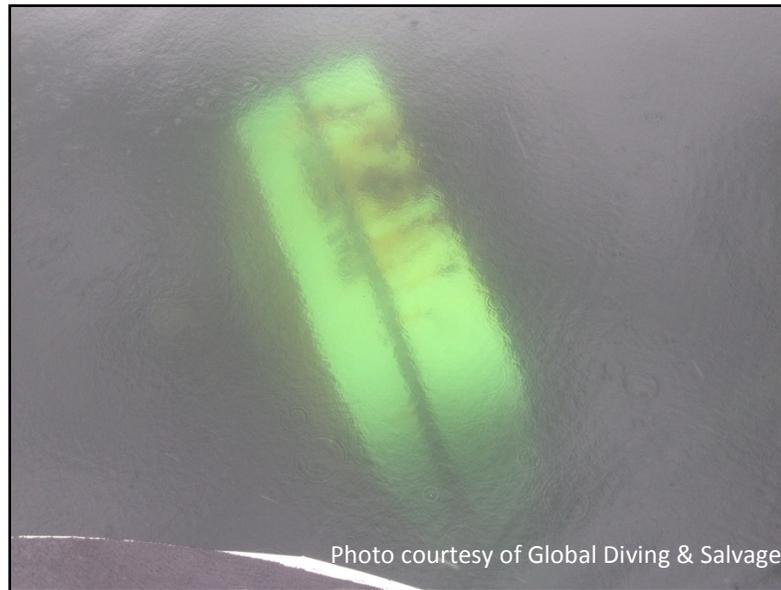


Photo courtesy of Global Diving &amp; Salvage

Photo of the stern of the F/V Evening Star.

**AGENCY/STAKEHOLDER NOTIFICATION LIST:** This situation report was distributed to the agencies listed on the standard distribution list, which includes the governor's office, Senator Begich's office, State Emergency Operations Center, U.S. Department of the Interior, National Marine Fisheries Service, U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service, and other state agencies. This situation report was also distributed to the following agencies and stakeholders:

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