



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

F/V Evening Star Sinking

SITREP # 2

SPILL #: 12119921501

LEDGER CODE: 14327360

TIME/DATE OF DISTRIBUTION: 3:30 p.m. August 8, 2012

POTENTIAL RESPONSIBLE PARTY (PRP): Kenneth Phippen

INCIDENT LOCATION: Slocum Arm, approximately 43 nautical miles north of 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 1,000 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 contracted with Bowditch Marine, Inc. (Bowditch), a marine survey company, who contracted with Global Diving and Salvage, Inc. (Global) to **remove the fuel from and then salvage the vessel.**

The Alaska Department of Fish and Game (ADF&G) conducted an overflight of the sunken vessel on the morning of August 7th and noted heavy sheen coming from the vessel. Sheen extended approximately one mile downwind from the vessel and it was also collecting along the shoreline in the vicinity of the vessel.

The vessel owner has completed a Non-Tank Vessel membership application with the Southeast Alaska Pollution Response Organization (SEAPRO) as a member company and established a direct response action contract for pollution response services. SEAPRO personnel will mobilize to Sitka today and have arranged for a 50-foot vessel to use during the response effort. SEAPRO will utilize their Sitka response cache of containment and sorbent boom to contain and cleanup the oil being discharged.

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. **SEAPRO will depart Sitka on the morning of August 9th to boom the vessel and contain and clean up oil discharges as they occur. ADF&G will conduct overflights of the area and provide reports on the condition of the vessel and any pollution issues. ADEC AND USCG WILL CONTINUE TO MONITOR THE SITUATION.**

WEATHER: Today: Areas of Fog; Rain; southeast winds at 20 knots; seas 7 feet. Tonight: Rain; south winds at 15 knots; seas 6 feet. Tomorrow: Cloudy with a chance of showers; south winds at 15 knots; 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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http://dec.alaska.gov/spar/perp/response/sr_active.htm



Photo of sheen in Slocum Arm from 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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