



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

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F/V Evening Star Sinking



SITREP # 5

SPILL #: 12119921501

LEDGER CODE: 14327360

TIME/DATE OF DISTRIBUTION: 2:00 p.m. August 15, 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 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.

On August 14, 2012, the M/V Glacier with Global dive crew arrived on scene in Slocum Arm. The crew established two shore anchors but was unable to establish a stern anchor at a depth of 200 feet. During their efforts the anchor became entangled in the seine net from the F/V Evening Star. The anchor could not be pulled free of the net and so the net and sunken vessel is being used as the stern anchorage point for the M/V Glacier.

Once anchored over the wreck, the crew launched the larger of the Remotely Operated Vehicles (ROV) and began to survey the net and wreck site. The ROV located the F/V Evening Star at a depth of 390 feet. The vessel was found to be lying on its bow and was severely entangled in the seine net. The Salvage Master determined that further assessment of the vessel could not be conducted until the net was removed for fear of entangling the ROV and operations were ended for the day.

Global stressed that the depth at which the F/V *Evening Star* lies exceeds the depth capability of the dive systems currently mobilized to Sitka. A dive to reach the F/V *Evening Star* would require the mobilization of Global's saturation dive system.

SEAPRO reported there was minimal oil surfacing from the wreck. SEAPRO personnel on-scene described the discharges as small spots of oil rising to the surface. The oil containment boom deployed at the mouths of the salmon streams remains in place.

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 working to develop a model of the seine net and how it lies within the water column. The Salvage Master will evaluate the data and develop a removal plan for the net and to gain access to the vessel. Once the net is removed further assessment of the vessel may be possible.

ADEC will continue to monitor the situation.

WEATHER: Today: Light winds; areas of fog with visibility of 1 nautical mile or less; seas 5 feet with southwest swells. Tonight: Areas of fog; light winds; seas 5 feet with southwest swells. Tomorrow: Light winds; seas 6 feet with southwest swells.

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: 2:30 p.m. on August 16, 2012

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