



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

## **Tug *Polar Wind* and Barge *Unimak Trader* Grounding**



**SITREP #:** 1

**SPILL #:** 12259931901

**TIME/DATE OF DISTRIBUTION:** 4:00 p.m. November 14, 2012

**POTENTIAL RESPONSIBLE PARTY (PRP):** Northland Services

**INCIDENT LOCATION:** The tug and barge grounded on the south side of Ukolnoi Island, which is located approximately 206 miles east-northeast of Dutch Harbor and 22 miles east of Cold Bay, AK (Lat/Long: 55.2, -161.61333).

**TIME/DATE OF SPILL:** The tug and barge grounded at approximately 9:00 p.m. November 13, 2012. This is a potential spill incident; no release of fuel or lube products has been observed at this time from the grounded vessels. The grounding was reported to the U.S. Coast Guard at approximately 10:00 p.m. and ADEC was notified at approximately 11:00 p.m. November 13, 2012.

**TYPE/AMOUNT OF PRODUCT SPILLED:** No spill has occurred. The tug *Polar Wind* has 18,500 gallons of diesel fuel in its internal tanks. The barge *Unimak Trader* has 5,000 gallons on-deck fuel stores for the crane, fork-lift and generators located on the deck. The barge has no internal fuel storage tanks and no drums are on board. Operational quantities of hydraulic and lubricating oils remain on both vessels.

**CAUSE OF SPILL:** The tug and barge were transiting from Sand Point to Dutch Harbor when they grounded. Investigation is ongoing by USCG.

**SOURCE CONTROL:** No spill has occurred. The tug *Polar Wind* is a 78-foot long by 30-foot breadth vessel. The barge *Unimak Trader* is loaded with a crane, fork-lift, two generators and 90 refrigeration containers; thirty are operational and contains over 1,475,000 lbs of frozen seafood products and 60 containers are empty.

**RESPONSE ACTION:** The five crew members were rescued from the vessel by USCG. The crew had no reported injuries. A unified command has been formed with Northland Services, USCG and ADEC. Multiple over flights are scheduled to evaluate the condition of the tug and barge. Northland contracted Alaska Chadux to mitigate any potential pollution threats, and Global Diving and Salvage to provide incident.

**RESOURCES AFFECTED:** This is a potential spill. There are no reported impacts to wildlife. The area is used by waterfowl for overwintering including the Stellar's eiders, which are a threatened species on the Endangered Species Act (ESA). Sea otters are also present. This population is an ESA-listed population. Harbor seal are present in the area all year. The grounding is within the designated critical habitat for Stellar sea lions and the southwest sea otter critical habitat.

**FUTURE PLANS AND RECOMMENDATIONS:** Global Diving and Salvage will be developing a salvage plan for ADEC and USCG review. The unified command is scheduled to meet tomorrow after the over flights are conducted but will meet sooner if the situation warrants.

**WEATHER:** Today: Rain. Highs in the lower to mid 40s. Southwest wind 15 to 30 mph winds with gusts to 45 mph. Tonight: Rain likely in the evening, then numerous rain and snow showers after midnight. Northwest wind 20 to 35 mph with gusts to 45 mph.

**UNIFIED COMMAND AND PERSONNEL:**

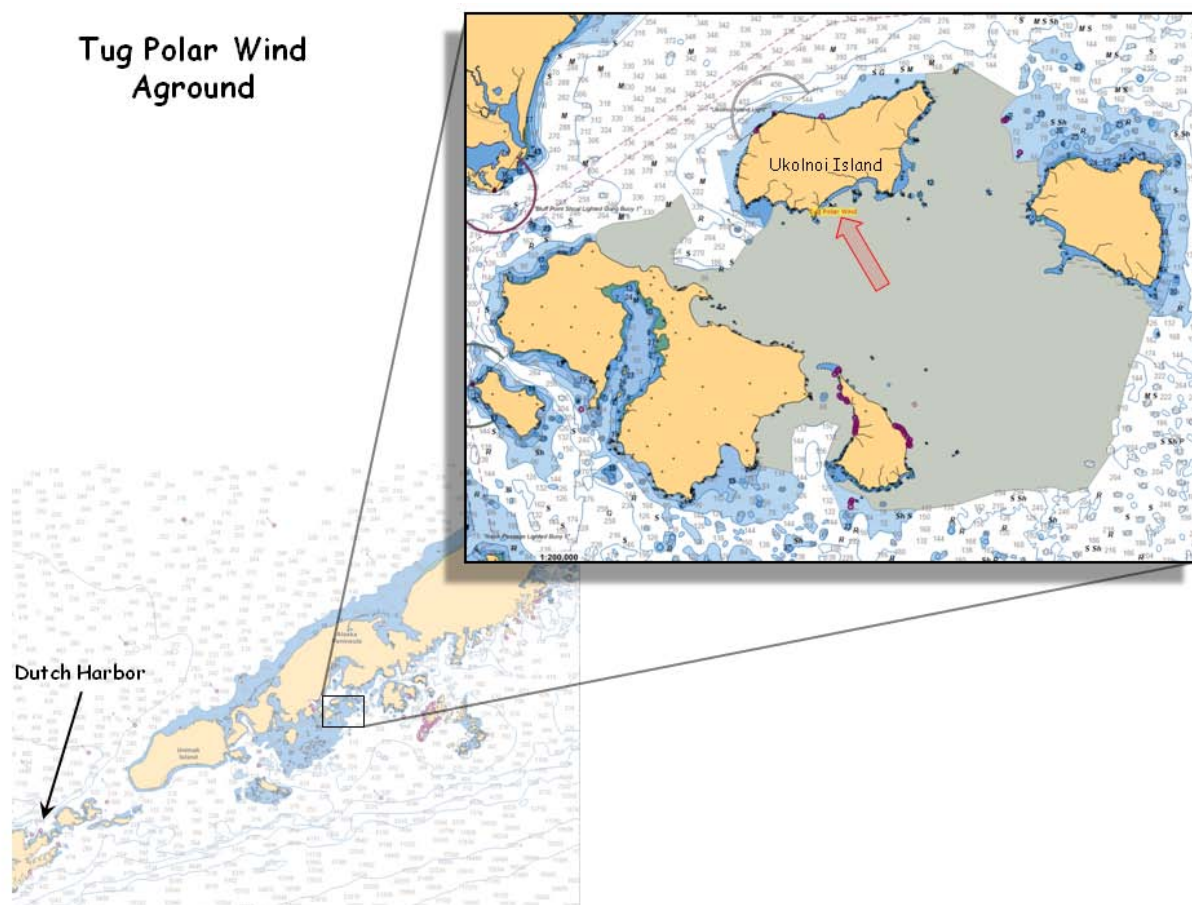
Incident Commander: David Devilbiss, Global Diving and Salvage

SOSC: Steve, Russell, ADEC

FOSC: Captain Mehler, USCG

**TIME/DATE OF THE NEXT REPORT DISTRIBUTION:** 3:00 p.m. November 15, 2012.

**FOR ADDITIONAL INFORMATION CONTACT:** Steven Russell, State On-Scene Coordinator, ADEC (907) 262-3401



**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:

AGENCY / STAKEHOLDER	NAME	SENT VIA	ADDITIONAL INFORMATION	TELEPHONE	FAX
Northern Services (Global Diving-RP representative)	David Devilbiss	Email	<a href="mailto:DDeVilbiss@gdiving.com">DDeVilbiss@gdiving.com</a>	563-9060	563-901
ADNR	Clark Cox	Email	<a href="mailto:clark.cox@alaska.gov">clark.cox@alaska.gov</a>	269-8565	269-8913
ADF&G	Brad Dunker	Email	<a href="mailto:Bradley.dunker@alaska.gov">Bradley.dunker@alaska.gov</a>	267-2541	267-2499
USCG Sector Anchorage	USCG Anchorage Office	Fax		271-6700	271-6751
EPA	Robert Whittier	Fax	<a href="mailto:Whittier.robert@epa.gov">Whittier.robert@epa.gov</a>	271-3616	271-3424
City of King Cove	Mayor Henry Mack	Email	<a href="mailto:hmackmayor@gmail.com">hmackmayor@gmail.com</a>	497-2340	497-2594
City of Sand Point			<a href="mailto:sptcity@arctic.net">sptcity@arctic.net</a>	383-2696	383-2698
Aleutians East Borough	Linda Mack	Email	<a href="mailto:lmack@aeboro.org">lmack@aeboro.org</a>	274-7555	276-7569
Aleutians East Borough, Maintenance Director	Jim Brown	Email	<a href="mailto:JBrown@aeboro.org">JBrown@aeboro.org</a>	383-2699	
Lake & Peninsula Borough	Richard Wallace	Email	<a href="mailto:Finance@lakeandpen.com">Finance@lakeandpen.com</a>	246-3421	246-6602
Aleutian Pribilof Islands Association	Community Services Department	Fax		276-2700	279-4351
Aleut Corporation/ Anchorage Office		Fax		561-4300	563-4328
Unalaska, Mayors Office	Shirley Marquardt	Fax		581-1251	581-1417 581-4469
AK Maritime Wildlife Refuge	Steven Delehanty	Email/Fax	<a href="mailto:steve_delehanty@fws.gov">steve_delehanty@fws.gov</a>	226-4627	235-7783
<b>House 37/Dillingham</b>	Bryce Edgmon	Fax	Anchorage 5/16 - 1/09 Juneau 1/10 - 5/15	269-0275 465-4451	269-0274 465-3445
<b>Senate S/Bethel</b>	Lyman Hoffman	Fax	Juneau	465-4453	465-4523