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Division of Spill Prevention and Response  
Prevention and Emergency Response Program  
SITUATION REPORT

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F/V Lone Star Sinking

SITREP #: 8 and Final

SPILL #: 13269918101

TIME/DATE OF DISTRIBUTION: 12:00 p.m. October 21, 2013

POTENTIAL RESPONSIBLE PARTY (PRP): Charles Burrece, Vessel Owner

INCIDENT LOCATION: Igushik River, Nushagak Bay, 30 river miles from Dillingham


HOW/WHEN SPILL WAS DISCOVERED/REPORTED: The crew of the fishing vessel Lone Star notified the U.S. Coast Guard of the sinking at 6:55 a.m. on June 30, 2013. The Coast Guard notified ADEC at 8:59 a.m. the same day.

TYPE/AMOUNT OF PRODUCT SPILLED: The Captain of F/V Lone Star reported to the Coast Guard that the vessel was carrying 10,500 gallons of diesel fuel and 300 gallons of other petroleum products at the time of sinking.

CAUSE OF SPILL: The Lone Star’s crew reported to the Coast Guard that the anchor line struck the vessel’s transducer while they were anchoring the vessel, causing damage to the hull. The vessel began taking on water and capsized in 18 feet of water.

SOURCE CONTROL: Magone Marine Services secured all doors and fuel vents on the Lone Star.

RESPONSE ACTION: The salvage contractor, Magone Marine Services (now known as Resolve Marine), was able to successfully refloat the Lone Star on October 4, 2013. After the vessel was raised, it was made ready for the tow to Dutch Harbor. The RP submitted a tow plan to the Coast Guard for approval prior to departure. Upon approval, the tug Double Eagle with the Lone Star in tow departed Nugashik Bay on the evening of October 16. The marine vessel Western Viking accompanied the Double Eagle in the event additional assistance was needed. The Lone Star is expected to arrive in Dutch Harbor by October 25.

RESOURCES AFFECTED: The shorelines of the Igushik River are primarily comprised of sheltered tidal flats and brackish marshes. The Igushik River supports all species of Pacific salmon. There are currently salmon fisheries open in the area, and fishing vessels, processors, and canneries are active, including a cannery located on the southwest shore of the Igushik River. Subsistence fishers may have gillnets in the water. Waterfowl may be nesting along the shorelines of the river and foraging in the river and tidal areas. Steller sea lions, humpback whales and Steller’s eiders are Endangered Species Act-listed species that may be present in the area. Archaeological sites may be present in the area.
FUTURE PLANS AND RECOMMENDATIONS:  ADEC will continue to monitor the proper disposal of the recovered liquids and will ensure a Final Report is completed.

WEATHER:  Today:  60 percent chance of rain; overcast; temperature 48°; winds southwest 20 knots; seas 7 feet. Tonight:  70 percent chance rain; overcast; temperature 39°; winds southwest 20 knots; seas 7 feet. Tomorrow:  40 percent chance of rain; partly cloudy; temperature 50°, winds southeast 15 knots increasing to 30 knots; seas 7 feet.

UNIFIED COMMAND AND PERSONNEL:

Incident Commander:  Jack McFarland, The Meredith Management Group
   SOSC:  John Brown, ADEC
   FOSC:  Lt. Jason Gangel, U.S. Coast Guard
   SOSC Rep:  Mark Sielaff, ADEC

TIME/DATE OF THE NEXT REPORT DISTRIBUTION:  This is the final report.

FOR ADDITIONAL INFORMATION CONTACT:  Mark Sielaff, SOSC rep, ADEC (907) 269-7532 or John Brown, Deputy SOSC, ADEC (907) 269-7688

www.dec.state.ak.us/spar/perp/response/sum_fy13/1306302021/130630201_index.htm

Magone Marine salvaging the vessel. (Photo/Magone Marine Services)

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