



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



F/V Mirage Grounding

SITREP #: 1

SPILL #: 14119911101

TIME/DATE OF DISTRIBUTION: 2:00 p.m. April 23, 2014

POTENTIAL RESPONSIBLE PARTY (PRP): Joe Smatlan

INCIDENT LOCATION: Low Island, approximately 10 nautical miles west of Sitka (N57 00.60, W135 36.82)

TIME/DATE OF SPILL: No spill has been reported. The F/V *Mirage* grounded on Low Island at approximately 7:00 p.m. on April 20, 2014.

HOW AND WHEN THE SPILL WAS DISCOVERED: The vessel grounding was reported to the U.S. Coast Guard at 3:46 a.m. on April 21, 2014 by the vessel crew. ADEC was notified of the grounding at 8:30 a.m. on April 22.

TYPE/AMOUNT OF PRODUCT SPILLED: No spill has occurred. The vessel master estimates 1,000-1,500 gallons of diesel fuel, less than 25 gallons of hydraulic oil, and approximately 10 gallons of lube oil were onboard the vessel when it grounded.

CAUSE OF SPILL: No spill has occurred.

SOURCE CONTROL: Vessel crew members plugged accessible fuel vents before leaving the F/V *Mirage*.

RESPONSE ACTION: Global Diving and Salvage (Global) has been contracted by the vessel owner and insurance companies to defuel and salvage the vessel. Global is mobilizing equipment to Low Island today and plans to prevent damage to the vessel by securing it to the beach.

RESOURCES AFFECTED: There have been no reports of impacted fish or wildlife in the area. Harbor seals and sea otters were reported in the water around Low Island. Global will continue to monitor wildlife near Low Island and will design operations to limit impact to marine mammals in the area. Saint Lazaria Island National Wildlife Refuge is about 4 nautical miles southwest of Low Island.

FUTURE PLANS AND RECOMMENDATIONS: Global plans to start defueling operations tomorrow and transfer the fuel from Low Island to Sitka via helicopter. Global is developing a salvage plan for USCG and ADEC approval.

WEATHER: Today: Northwest winds at 10 knots; seas 5 feet. Tonight: Northwest winds at 10 knots, seas 6 feet; southwest swells. Tomorrow: Northwest wind increasing to 20 knots; seas 8 feet; west swells.

UNIFIED COMMAND AND PERSONNEL:

Incident Commander:	F/V <i>Mirage</i>
SOSC:	Sarah Moore, ADEC
FOSC:	Scott Bornemann, USCG

TIME/DATE OF THE NEXT REPORT DISTRIBUTION: 2:00 p.m. April 24, 2014

FOR ADDITIONAL INFORMATION CONTACT: Sarah Moore, State On-Scene Coordinator, ADEC (907) 465-5239

http://dec.alaska.gov/spar/perp/response/sr_active.htm



F/V *Mirage* aground on Low Island on April 21. Photo: Don Kluting

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