



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

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F/V *Mirage* Grounding

SITREP #: 2

SPILL #: 14119911101

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

POTENTIAL RESPONSIBLE PARTY (PRP): Joe Smatlan, owner of the F/V *Mirage*

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 Coast Guard at 3:46 a.m. on April 21, 2014, by the vessel crew. The two crew members onboard at the time of the grounding were able to disembark and walk to the Coast Guard helicopter. 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. The F/V *Mirage* has five 600-gallon diesel tanks, for a total vessel capacity of 3,000 gallons.

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. Yesterday Global crew secured the vessel to the beach, where it remains stable on its port side. Global removed rigging from the F/V *Mirage* to enable safe operations and delivery of equipment by helicopter. All equipment for defueling is onsite at Low Island. Global will start defueling this afternoon and expects to complete it by the end of the day.

RESOURCES AFFECTED: There have been no reports of fish or wildlife in the area affected by the incident. 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 is developing a salvage plan for Coast Guard and ADEC approval. Global has requested the use of the ADEC emergency tow system staged at the Coast Guard's Sitka Air Station.

WEATHER: Today: North winds increasing to 20 knots in the afternoon, seas 7 feet; west swells. Tonight: Northwest winds at 20 knots, seas 7 feet; west swells. Tomorrow: Light winds becoming east 10 knots in the afternoon, seas 8 feet; west swells.

UNIFIED COMMAND AND PERSONNEL:

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

TIME/DATE OF THE NEXT REPORT DISTRIBUTION: 2:00 p.m. April 25, 2014

FOR ADDITIONAL INFORMATION CONTACT:

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



F/V *Mirage* aground on Low Island on April 23.
Photo: Andrew Lawrence, Global Diving & Salvage

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