



ALASKA DEPARTMENT OF ENVIRONMENTAL CONSERVATION
Division of Spill Prevention and Response
Prevention Preparedness and Response Program
SITUATION REPORT (SITREP)



Tug Ocean Eagle Grounding

SITREP #: 1

SPILL #: 17119906002

TIME/DATE OF DISTRIBUTION: March 2, 2017 at 3:15 p.m.

POTENTIAL RESPONSIBLE PARTY (PRP): Brusco Tug & Barge

INCIDENT LOCATION: Sumner Strait – the tug *Ocean Eagle* and its barge initially grounded at Mariposa Reef at 56° 22.938N 133° 42.00W and subsequently refloated on the high tide and drifted to a small cove in the vicinity of Alvin Bay at 56° 25.238N 133° 53.436W.

TIME/DATE OF SPILL: The tug *Ocean Eagle* initially grounded on March 1, 2017 at approximately 7:15 p.m.

HOW/WHEN SPILL WAS DISCOVERED AND REPORTED: The United States Coast Guard (USCG) Sector Juneau Command Center received the distress call at 7:15 p.m on March 1. USCG reported the incident to the Department of Environmental Conservation (ADEC) at 2:45 a.m. on March 2.

TYPE/AMOUNT OF PRODUCT SPILLED: The captain of the tug *Ocean Eagle* reported 15 gallons of diesel released from the day tank vent. He reported 58,000 gallons of diesel fuel onboard the tug. The tug was towing a freight barge with a 100,000-gallon capacity tank onboard holding 52,000 gallons of fuel. The tank on the barge is elevated off of the barge bottom.

CAUSE OF SPILL: The tug *Ocean Eagle* ran aground resulting in the tug taking on water into the engine compartment. Initial assessment by contract tug personnel appears to indicate that the source of the water is the shaft packing. The tug's captain reported a sheen at Mariposa Reef that was caused by fuel escaping from the day tank vent as the tug listed and was rocked by waves. On scene personnel at the tug and barge's current location near Alvin Bay reported no visible sheening as of 2:32 p.m.

SOURCE CONTROL: On scene personnel reported no sheening visible during the course of the morning. On scene personnel are working to tighten the shaft packing on the tug *Ocean Eagle*.

RESPONSE ACTION: Personnel onboard the tug were evacuated by a USCG helicopter from Air Station Sitka. ADEC, USCG, and Brusco Tug & Barge formed a Unified Command this morning to manage the incident response. Brusco Tug & Barge contracted two tugs owned by Amak Towing Company Inc. As of 8:06 a.m., the tugs Anna T and Jennie B were on scene, along with the USCGC Liberty.

RESOURCES AT RISK OR AFFECTED: There have been no confirmed reports of impacted fish or wildlife in the area.

FUTURE PLANS AND RECOMMENDATIONS: USCG personnel on scene continue to monitor the situation. Brusco Tug & Barge is working with the Amak Towing Company to create a plan for disconnecting the tug and barge with the intention of towing the barge to Sitka for a damage assessment and securing the tug *Ocean Eagle*. The plan will be submitted to USCG and ADEC for approval. The USCG expects to conduct aerial assessments as soon as the weather allows. The Unified Command continues to manage the incident.

WEATHER: The weather report for Thursday at Alvin Bay is widespread rain and snow showers, with a high near 35. South wind around 16 to 22 mph. Chance of precipitation is 100%. The weather report for Thursday night in Alvin Bay is snow showers, with a low around 26. Southeast winds of 25 to 30 mph expected. Chance of precipitation is 100%.

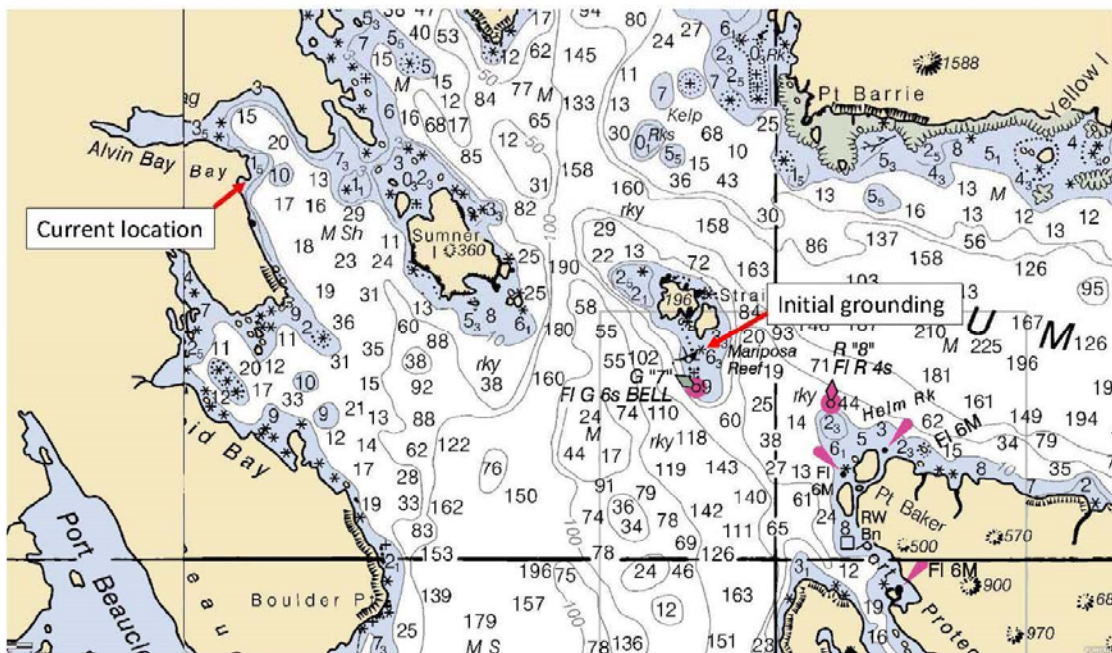
UNIFIED COMMAND AND PERSONNEL:

Incident Commander: Joe Bromley, Brusco Tug & Barge
 SOS: Bob Mattson, ADEC
 FOSCR: Captain Shannan Greene

TIME/DATE OF THE NEXT REPORT DISTRIBUTION: March 3, 2017 at 2:00 p.m.

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



Map detailing location of initial ground of the tug *Ocean Eagle* and the current location of the tug and barge.

AGENCY/STAKEHOLDER NOTIFICATION LIST: This situation report was distributed to the agencies listed on the standard distribution list, which includes the governor's office, State Emergency Operations Center, U.S.

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