



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



## **Container Ship *Laura Maersk* Adrift**

**SITREP #:** 1

**SPILL #:** To be determined

**TIME/DATE OF DISTRIBUTION:** 12:30am, July 15, 2017

**POTENTIAL RESPONSIBLE PARTY (PRP):** TBA

**INCIDENT LOCATION:** North of Akutan Island on the Aleutian chain.

**TIME/DATE OF SPILL:** The container ship *Laura Maersk* is currently adrift. There has been no spill.

**HOW/WHEN SPILL WAS DISCOVERED AND REPORTED:** The United States Coast Guard (USCG) reported the vessel adrift to ADEC on July 14, 2017, at approximately 8:00pm with an unconfirmed amount of diesel estimated at 51,500 gallons.

**TYPE/AMOUNT OF PRODUCT SPILLED:** There has been no release. The total volume and type of fuel onboard the vessel is estimated at approximately 51,500 gallons of fuel oil and other oil products. The ship is also carrying an unknown number of shipping containers with an unknown cargo.

**CAUSE OF SPILL:** Initial reports from the USCG indicate that a fire in the engine room of the container ship *Laura Maersk* caused the vessel to lose power. There are a reported 24 crew onboard with no injuries.

**SOURCE CONTROL:** None at this time.

**RESPONSE ACTION:** The vessel is current adrift approximately 7 miles north of Akutan Island in the Aleutians. The vessel is drifting at approximately 1.2—2.6 knots towards land. Estimated time for land fall is 4 hours. The USCG was unable to immediately identify the owner and responsible party. The USCG has federalized the response and has contracted with available tug boats for an immediate emergency response. The Tug *Makushin Bay* is expected to arrive at the disabled vessel at approximately 10:45pm. Their primary focus is to arrest the drift of the vessel until additional assets arrive on site. The tugs *Millennium Falcon* and *Gretchen Dunlap* are deploying from Unalaska, approximately 32 miles away. The Tug *Gretchen Dunlap* has the State's Emergency Tow System (ETS) onboard when it departed Unalaska at 22:20pm. The Tug *Gretchen Dunlap's* estimated time of arrival is two hours. The USCGC *Midgett* and H60 is also en route. USCGC *Midgett's* estimated time of arrival on-site is midnight.

**RESOURCES AT RISK OR AFFECTED:** On the current drift trajectory, threatened areas include the shoreline of Akutan Island. Threatened species in the area include Steller's eiders and northern sea otters. Endangered Steller sea lions have rookeries and haul-out sites in the area.

**FUTURE PLANS AND RECOMMENDATIONS:** The primary and current focus is arresting the drift of the container ship *Laura Maersk* until assets arrive on scene and take the vessel under tow.

**WEATHER:** Current weather: Patchy fog with Southwest winds 15kt and seas 4 ft. Saturday: Patchy fog becoming areas of fog by Saturday night. South winds 20 kt with seas 3 ft increasing to 5 ft by Saturday night. Sunday: South wind 20 kt seas 4 ft.

**UNIFIED COMMAND AND PERSONNEL:**

SOSC: Geoff Merrell, ADEC

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**TIME/DATE OF THE NEXT REPORT DISTRIBUTION:** As situation warrants

**FOR ADDITIONAL INFORMATION CONTACT:** Geoff Merrell, SOSC, ADEC (907) 269-7682

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