Alaskan Dream Grounding - Sitka

SITREP #: 2 and Final

SPILL #: 17119928001

TIME/DATE OF DISTRIBUTION: 1:00 PM on October 16, 2017

RESPONSIBLE PARTY (RP): Gregory Stevenson

INCIDENT LOCATION: Sitka Sound, near Middle Island; 57° 07.123 N, 135° 26.645 W

TIME/DATE OF SPILL: 1:40 PM on October 7, 2017

HOW/WHEN SPILL WAS DISCOVERED AND REPORTED: The vessel Alaskan Dream, a 74-foot yacht, grounded on a rock at high tide. The spill was reported to the U.S. Coast Guard (USCG) Sector Juneau Command Center immediately after the grounding on October 7.

TYPE/AMOUNT OF PRODUCT SPILLED: The USCG estimates approximately 5-15 gallons of diesel discharged.

CAUSE OF SPILL: Diesel discharged through a tank vent during or immediately after the grounding.

SOURCE CONTROL: The source has been controlled. There were 2,900 gallons of diesel onboard the Alaskan Dream at the time of the grounding. Initial estimates of 2,500 gallons were updated based on calculations of the removed product from the fuel tanks. The tanks were not damaged during the grounding and are still intact.

RESPONSE ACTION: As a result of the grounding, the hull was damaged and the hole in the hull will need to be patched prior to moving the Alaskan Dream. Between October 8th and October 11th Hanson Maritime Company removed all diesel, drained the lube oil reservoirs and engines, and removed all batteries and all other potential sources of pollution.

RESOURCES AT RISK OR AFFECTED: There have been no reports of impacted fish or wildlife in the area. Boaters in the area of Little Gavanski and Middle Island are asked to please use caution when navigating the area as the vessel remains at the site of the grounding.

FUTURE PLANS AND RECOMMENDATIONS: The RP is working with Alaska Department of Natural Resources to salvage and remove the vessel from State lands.

WEATHER: The National Weather Service forecast for the incident location for October 16 predicts rain showers with variable winds less than 5 knots and seas around 7 feet. The high temperature is expected to be 48° F. The chance of rain showers continues overnight, with a low temperature of 46° F expected. A west wind of 10 to 15 knots is expected, with seas of 7 to 8 feet.
Map depicting the location of the Alaskan Dream (map by ADEC, October 9, 2017).

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