

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

SITUATION REPORT

INCIDENT NAME: F/V Melville Grounding

SITREP #: 2 and Final

SPILL NUMBER: 06119927401

LEDGER CODE: Not Requested

TIME/DATE OF SPILL: At approximately 4:05 AM on October 1, 2006. The USCG notified ADEC of the accident at approximately 4:56 AM on October 1, 2006.

TIME/DATE OF SITUATION REPORT: 4:00 PM October 4, 2006

TIME/DATE OF THE NEXT REPORT: This is the final situation report.

TYPE/AMOUNT OF PRODUCT SPILLED: The U.S. Coast Guard (USCG) reports that the vessel was carrying approximately 800 gallons of diesel at the time of the sinking. Based on initial USCG estimates of the release rate, approximately 5 gallons of diesel was released.

LOCATION: Egg Island, Moira Sound, located near the southeast end of Prince of Wales Island, approximately 30 nautical miles southwest of Ketchikan. Latitude 55^o03.51' N, longitude 132^o04.29' W.

CAUSE OF SPILL: The USCG reported that the 58-foot wood hulled fishing vessel ran aground while underway in the early morning hours of October 1st. The USCG is investigating the vessel grounding. The vessel owner told ADEC staff in Ketchikan that after the vessel ran aground, fishing gear on the vessel shifted and the vessel then rolled over and sank.

POTENTIAL RESPONSIBLE PARTY (PRP): Vessel owner and operator is Burlin Phillips, of Port Angeles, Washington.

RESPONSE ACTION: On October 3, Alaska Commercial Divers (ACD) and a local tug and barge operator arrived on-scene. The vessel was successfully raised at approximately 6 P.M. Minimal sheen was observed at the time of salvage, but no appreciable or recoverable product was observed to be discharging into the waterway. Work was done to stabilize the vessel through the evening and completed at 2 A.M., October 4. Based upon the weight of the vessel, it was determined that loading the vessel on the barge was not feasible. The vessel's hull was not severely damaged and structurally sound enough to allow the vessel to be towed to Ketchikan. ACD reported that a separation to the vessel's keel and damage to the transducer casing were the only visible problems noted. The vessel was successfully towed to Murphy's Landing in Ketchikan arriving on October 4.

SOURCE CONTROL: The vessel has been re-floated. No sheen was visible around it. An inspection to the two fuel tank site tubes while docked in Ketchikan revealed that both tanks were near full confirming that a minimal amount of diesel oil was released during the incident.

RESOURCES AFFECTED: The marine waters on the east side of Egg Island were impacted by diesel oil. There have been no reports of oiled wildlife or shoreline impacts.

FUTURE PLANS AND RECOMMENDATIONS: The vessel will be taken out of the water on October 5 for further assessment and necessary repairs.

WEATHER: On scene weather at Egg Island was reported to have southerly gusts in excess of 40 knots and large swells. Ketchikan weather is approximately 52 degrees, light rain, and southerly winds at 8 knots.

UNIFIED COMMAND AND PERSONNEL:

Incident Commander: Burlin Phillips (PRP)
 F.O.S.C.: Capt. Mark Guillory, USCG Sector Juneau
 S.O.S.C.: Bob Mattson, Southeast Alaska Response Team (SART) Juneau
 Field S.O.S.C.: Bob Fultz, SART Ketchikan

FOR ADDITIONAL INFORMATION CONTACT: Bob Fultz, ADEC at 225-6200X1. Photographs and other spill information when obtained will be available for viewing at <http://www.state.ak.us/dec/spar/perp/index.htm>

AGENCY/STAKEHOLDER NOTIFICATION LIST

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FV Melville in Ketchikan after being re-floated. October 4, 2006. ADEC photo.