

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

**SITUATION REPORT**

**INCIDENT NAME:** F/V Tradition Sinking

**SITREP #:** 3

**SPILL NUMBER:** 07239913701

**LEDGER CODE:** 14233460

**TIME/DATE OF INCIDENT:** May 17, 2007 at 1:15 AM, the sunken vessel was discovered by Whittier City personnel who notified ADEC at 2:45 AM on May 17, 2007.

**TIME/DATE OF SITUATION REPORT:** May 21, 2007 at 1:00 PM.

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

**TYPE/AMOUNT OF PRODUCT SPILLED:** The vessel continues to release residual fuel at an unknown rate within the boom. The responsible party indicated that the F/V was fully laden with diesel fuel and tank topped off at approximately 6000 gallons. Potential discharge of diesel fuel is 6,000 gallons.

**LOCATION:** DeLong Dock in Whittier, Alaska

**CAUSE OF SPILL:** USCG continues to investigate the cause of the spill. Vessel flooded from the starboard side while it was moored to the dock.

**POTENTIAL RESPONSIBLE PARTY (PRP):** Avalon Leasing, Bellevue, WA.

**VESSEL INFORMATION:** F/V Tradition, ON: D919309, 76 ft long, single steel hull, four integrated tanks (two bow, one port, one starboard).

**RESPONSE ACTION:** The vessel has been pulled in the upright position and is being dewatered as of May 20, 2007 at 8:30 pm. On May 21, 2007 at 9:00 am dewatering of the vessel was restarted and as of noon today the dewatering is complete. At high tide the vessel will be floated and stabilized at Delong Dock.

Two booms are set up immediately around the vessel with another section of boom completely enclosing the Delong Dock. Chadux Corporation has been running one to two rope mop systems for oil recovery within the boomed area and recovering oil saturated absorbents. The PRP spill response contractor continues to maintain the containment boom and recover any released fuel in the boom area during dewatering operations. Chadux Corporation is using absorbent sweeps to recover any oil sheening outside the boom area.

**SOURCE CONTROL:** USCG and ADEC are closely monitored dewatering, lightering, and stabilization process of F/V. The vessel continues to release residual fuel. Containment boom has been placed around the sunken vessel. Divers plugged a couple of fuel vents to reduce the leakage.

**RESOURCES AFFECTED:** No oiled fish and wildlife observed within the Delong dock area. City of Whittier has relocated the salmon fish pen on May 20, 2007 into the City Harbor.

**FUTURE PLANS AND RECOMMENDATIONS:** Continue stabilizing and upright the vessel. PRP will determine where vessel will be located after it has been stabilized and lightered.

**WEATHER:** 48°F/9°C, Winds and seas calm, scattered clouds 7,000ft, humidity 61%, visibility 20 miles.

**UNIFIED COMMAND AND PERSONNEL:**

Incident Commander: David Kayak (PRP)  
 F.O.S.C.: Capt. Mark DeVries (USCG)  
 S.O.S.C.: Gary Folley (ADEC)  
 Field S.O.S.C.: Frank Wesser (ADEC)

**FOR ADDITIONAL INFORMATION CONTACT:** Mark Sielaff of ADEC at 907-269-7532

Photographs and other spill information are available for viewing at:

<http://www.state.ak.us/dec/spar/perp/index.htm>

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