

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

SITUATION REPORT

INCIDENT NAME: F/V Nordic Viking Grounding

SITREP #: 2

SPILL NUMBER: 07229920201

LEDGER CODE: 14240160

TIME/DATE OF SPILL: At approximately 10:35 P.M. on July 21, 2007, the F/V Nordic Viking ran aground at Port Gravina near Olson Bay, Prince William Sound. The vessel operator reported to the Coast Guard that at least one fuel tank holding an estimated 3,500 gallons of diesel had been breached and was releasing fuel into the water.

TIME/DATE OF SITUATION REPORT: 1:00 P.M. on July 24, 2007

TIME/DATE OF THE NEXT REPORT: 1:00 P.M. on July 25, 2007

TYPE/AMOUNT OF PRODUCT SPILLED: The vessel owner and on scene responders estimated 4,000 gallons of oil spilled. The operator of the F/V Nordic Viking reported that at least one tank containing 3,500 gallons of diesel fuel had been breached. An additional 500 gallons of diesel fuel, engine oil, and hydraulic oil and oily water spilled from the engine compartment. Eight additional fuel tanks are on board the vessel containing an estimated 11,000 gallons remain on board. Repeated sounding by response personnel on site report that those tanks have not been breached.

LOCATION: Port Gravina, near Olson Bay, Prince William Sound, Alaska at a location of 40° 42' Latitude 146° 11' Longitude, approximately 55 miles SW of Valdez.

CAUSE OF SPILL: The cause of the grounding is under investigation by the Coast Guard.

POTENTIAL RESPONSIBLE PARTY (PRP): Bill Prout, Northern Seiners Inc.

RESPONSE ACTION: The vessel owner has contracted Alaska CHADUX, a spill response contractor from Anchorage, and the landing craft Alaska Challenger from Valdez to assist with the spill cleanup and removal of any remaining fuel on board the F/V Nordic Viking.

The U. S. Coast Guard and ADEC established an Incident Management Team at the Marine Safety Unit in Valdez. Because of poor weather, only one over-flight was conducted yesterday by the Coast Guard helicopter out of Cordova. Additional over-flights are scheduled for today and tomorrow if weather permits and there are no search and rescue missions.

Response crews continue to maintain containment boom around the vessel and are using sorbents to recover oils that are being released from the vessel. In addition, the response crews are preparing to remove the remaining fuel on board the Nordic Viking. Three 249 barrel mini storage barges from Alyeska-SERVS have been brought from Valdez to the incident site to hold fuel removed from the Nordic Viking.

Responders began open water recovery of the spilled diesel fuel west of the grounding site on the afternoon of July 23, 2007. The fuel has spread into a thin slick and mechanical skimming of the spilled diesel was ineffective. Responders replaced the mechanical skimming with sorbents (sausage boom) in the back of a "U" configuration of containment boom to recover spilled fuel. Fishing vessels are pulling the "U" configuration of containment boom with sorbents through the slick.

Alaska Department of Fish & Game staff patrolled the spill area yesterday by boat and they did not observe any wildlife showed signs of distress. The commercial salmon fishery for Port Gravina remains closed.

SOURCE CONTROL: F/V Nordic Viking remains boomed off. Responders are preparing to remove any remaining fuel on board the vessel. Response crews have been working to gain access to the tanks that have fuel in them and make temporary repairs to the vessel's hull. Removal of the remaining fuel on board is expected to start today.

RESOURCES AFFECTED: Marine waters of Port Gravina and Olson Bay. There have been no reports of injured wildlife. All wildlife observations are being reported back to the command center in Valdez. Sensitive areas include anadromous streams, marine mammals and sea birds.

FUTURE PLANS AND RECOMMENDATIONS: Response contractor will continue to manage the boom around the vessel and recover any fuel released from the vessel. On water recovery will continue as long as it is effective. The Alaska Challenger will continue to support the removal of any remaining on board the vessel and assist with the vessel's salvage. A Shoreline Cleanup Assessment Team (SCAT) is being mobilized to examine the shorelines between Olsen Bay and St. Mathew's Bay, and along the west side Port Gravina to Knowles Head. In the event that fuel contamination is on the shoreline, an assessment will be done to determine if a cleanup is needed.

WEATHER: Today: Cloudy, patchy fog, periods of rain, variable winds 15 knots increasing to southeast 20 knots seas 3ft building to 4ft. Tonight and Wednesday: Cloudy, patchy fog, periods of rain, southeast winds 20 knots, seas 4 ft.

UNIFIED COMMAND AND PERSONNEL:

Incident Commander:	Tom Flis, Hudson Marine
F.O.F.C.:	LTCDR Matt Jones, USCG
S.O.S.C.:	John L. Brown, ADEC
Field S.O.S.C.:	John Engles, ADEC

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F/V Nordic Viking Spill Map 22 July 2007

