

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

SITUATION REPORT

INCIDENT NAME: F/V Northern Mariner

SITREP #: 6

SPILL NUMBER: 08229922001

LEDGER CODE: 14269960

TIME/DATE OF INCIDENT: The vessel grounding near Flemming Island in Prince William Sound was reported to U.S. Coast Guard (USCG) at 8:09 PM on August 7, 2008. USCG notified ADEC at 9:54 PM on August 7, 2008.

TIME/DATE OF SITUATION REPORT: 3:00 PM on August 13, 2008

TIME/DATE OF THE NEXT REPORT: As situation warrants

TYPE/AMOUNT OF PRODUCT SPILLED: The vessel master initially estimated 25,000 to 28,000 gallons of diesel fuel, and 350 gallons of lube and hydraulic oil were on board when it grounded. Updated estimate of the diesel fuel on board is 24,000 gallons based on current information and calculations by the marine surveyor on site. This is a potential spill. Light sheening associated with residual oil from the compromised engine room was observed at the time of grounding; however, as of August 9, 2008, no further sheening has been observed.

LOCATION: The location of the grounding was Flemming Island in Prince William Sound, approximately 75 miles Southwest of Valdez. The reported location is 60° 10.58' N, 148° 00.18' W. The Northern Mariner is currently anchored in Thumb Bay,

CAUSE OF SPILL: F/V Northern Mariner, a 91-ft vessel, intentionally grounded in shallow water on Flemming Island after the vessel struck a rock and experienced severe flooding. Two 15-in by 1-in tears were reported in the port bow and vessel began flooding. The four crew members abandoned the vessel to a life raft and were picked up by F/V Tenacious and transported to Whittier. No injuries were reported from the incident.

POTENTIAL RESPONSIBLE PARTY (PRP): Northern Mariner LLC, Seattle, WA

RESPONSE ACTIONS: Today, August 13, 2008, approximately 5,000 gallons of diesel fuel in the starboard side was lightered. The remaining fuel in the 5,000-gallon tank on the port side will be lightered today. The lube and hydraulic oil will also be lightered.

During the vessel inspection, a crack was discovered in the engine room aft bulk head. The crack has been repaired.

The F/V Northern Mariner will remain in Thumb Cove until all the fuel has been lightered and the sea conditions improve. The sea condition is expected to improve by Sunday according to the weather forecast. The F/V Northern Mariner will be towed to Seward by Tug Junior when wind and seas permit in accordance with the approved Transit Plan.

SOURCE CONTROL: Crew re-boarded the vessel at low tide and plugged vents prior to departing the incident location. Temporary repairs have been made to the damaged hull of the vessel. Continue lightering of the diesel fuel on board.

RESOURCES AFFECTED: No oiled wildlife has been observed.

FUTURE PLANS AND RECOMMENDATIONS: R & R Diving will lighter the remaining fuel on board. The F/V Northern Mariner will be towed on Sunday, August 17, 2007, when the sea conditions improve.

The ADEC responder from Anchorage will depart Valdez for Anchorage in the late afternoon.

WEATHER: Scattered showers with east wind 25 kts, gusts to 40 kts through channeled areas near the gulf, and seas building to 5 ft. Tonight, rain with northeast winds 25 kts and seas building up to 5 ft.

UNIFIED COMMAND AND PERSONNEL

Incident Commander.....Kevin Kaldestad (Northern Mariner LLC)
F.O.S.C.....Darryl Verfaillie, Commander (USCG)
S.O.S.C.....Gary Folley (ADEC)

FOR ADDITIONAL INFORMATION CONTACT: ADEC: Gary Folley (907) 262-5210 ext. 234
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