

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

SITUATION REPORT

INCIDENT NAME: F/V Exodus Explorer

SITREP #: 1

SPILL NUMBER: 07259907701

LEDGER CODE:

TIME/DATE OF SPILL: 2:02 AM on March 18, 2007. The USCG reported the spill to ADEC at 5:32 AM on March 18, 2007.

TIME/DATE OF SITUATION REPORT: 12:00 PM on March 19, 2007.

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

TYPE/AMOUNT OF PRODUCT SPILLED: The quantity of fuel released is unknown. The vessel operator reported to the Coast Guard (USCG) that the vessel was carrying 2500-3000 gallons of diesel fuel. The vessel was also carrying 35,000 pounds of cod.

LOCATION: Gannet Rocks in Kuluk Bay near Adak, 51.8721°N, 176.6183°W.

CAUSE OF SPILL: The vessel ran aground on Gannet Rocks.

POTENTIAL RESPONSIBLE PARTY (PRP): B & N Fisheries. Captain Dan Carney

RESPONSE ACTION: The F/V Exodus Explorer (98 foot, single steel hull) grounded and sank in six fathoms of water at Gannet Rocks in Kuluk Bay while transiting back into Adak Harbor. A local bow picker retrieved all passengers from the vessel's raft and returned them to Adak.

The master of the vessel reported that the vessel is 100 yards from shore and is upside down with stern/props visible and emitting an oil sheen. No recovery efforts have been attempted due to high wind and waves. No shoreline impacts have been reported at this time.

An ADEC spill responder is coordinating with the vessel owner and the USCG Marine Safety Office in Anchorage.

SOURCE CONTROL: None

RESOURCES AFFECTED: The waters of Kuluk Bay due to sheen observed.

FUTURE PLANS AND RECOMMENDATIONS: The USCG will conduct an investigation into the cause of the vessel sinking. USCG and ADEC will continue to monitor the situation. The vessel owner is developing a salvage plan.

WEATHER: Gale warning is in effect with east winds 25 knots increasing to 45 knots, seas are 11 feet and visibility is 10 miles.

UNIFIED COMMAND AND PERSONNEL:

Incident Commander:	Capt. Dan Carney- (PRP)
F.O.S.C. :	Capt. DeVries – (USCG)
S.O.S.C. :	Gary Folley – (ADEC)
Field S.O.S.C.:	Eric Henry – (ADEC)

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AGENCY/STAKEHOLDER NOTIFICATION LIST

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AGENCY	NAME	Sent Via		Telephone	Facsimile
USCG Sector Anchorage	U.S. Coast Guard Sector Anchorage, Response Incident Management Division	Fax		271-6700	271-6751
USEPA	Matt Carr	Fax		271-3616	271-3424
OTHER	NAME	Sent Via	Session/Interim	Telephone	Facsimile
DH Port Director	Alvin Osterback	Fax		581-1254	581-2519
Unalaska Mayor	Shirley Marquardt	Fax		581-1211	581-1695
Aleut Regional Native Corporation/Anc office		Fax		561-4300	563-4328
Adak Port of Operations	Port Director	Fax		592-0185	592-0184
City of Adak		Fax		592-4513	592-4262
Native Village of Atka		Fax		839-2229	839-2269
Aleut Regional Native Corporation/Anc office		Fax		561-4300	563-4328
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Location of FV Exodus Explorer Grounding

