

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 #: 1

SPILL NUMBER: 07229920201

LEDGER CODE: Requested

TIME/DATE OF SPILL: At approximately 11:35 P.M. July 21, 2007 the F/V Nordic Viking ran aground near Olsen Bay in Point Gravina, 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: 10:00 A.M. on July 23, 2007

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

TYPE/AMOUNT OF PRODUCT SPILLED: The volume of the diesel spilled is unknown. The operator of the F/V Nordic Viking reported that at least one tank containing 3,500 gallons had been breached. Eight additional fuel tanks are on board the vessel containing an estimated 11,500 gallons at risk.

LOCATION: Near Olsen Bay in Point Gravina, 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 operator and crew of the F/V Nordic Viking were rescued by the F/V Procession with no reported injuries. The vessel owner has contracted Alaska CHADUX a spill response contractor out of Anchorage and the landing craft Alaska Challenger from Valdez to assist with the spill cleanup and removal and any remaining fuel on board the F/V Nordic Viking.

The US Coast Guard and ADEC established an Incident Management Team at the Marine Safety Unit in Valdez.

At 1:30 P.M. on July 22, 2007 a Coast Guard Helicopter with an ADEC responder on board reported a sheen 5 miles long by 200 foot wide. Later at 5:50 P.M. it was reported to the Coast Guard that the vessel had been boomed off and the fuel leak had appeared to have stopped. Response contractors continue to remove any fuel inside the containment boom. The Department of Fish and Game also closed the commercial salmon fishery for the Port Gravina area.

SOURCE CONTROL: F/V Nordic Viking has been boomed off and preparations are being made to remove any remaining fuel on board the vessel.

RESOURCES AFFECTED: Marine waters of Port Gravina and Olson Bay. Several purse seine fishing vessels were seen fishing in the vicinity of the oil spill on July 22, 2007.

FUTURE PLANS AND RECOMMENDATIONS: Response contractor will continue to manage the boom around the vessel and recover any fuel released from the vessel. Open water cleanup tactics will be used today to recover fuel in open waters. The Alaska Challenger will support the removal of any remaining on board the vessel and assist with the vessel's salvage. Shoreline and beaches in the spill area will be examined for any fuel impacts, and cleanup plans will be developed if needed.

WEATHER: Cloudy, rain, areas of fog, highs in the mid 50s, with variable winds 15 MPH or less.

UNIFIED COMMAND AND PERSONNEL:

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

FOR ADDITIONAL INFORMATION CONTACT: John Brown at 269-7688

AGENCY/STAKEHOLDER NOTIFICATION LIST

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F/V Nordic Viking, photograph provided by the U.S. Coast Guard