

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

SITUATION REPORT

INCIDENT NAME: F/V Johnita Fire

SITREP #: 1 and final

SPILL NUMBER: 07229921301

LEDGER CODE: Not Requested

TIME/DATE OF INCIDENT: At 7:15 P.M. on August 1, 2007 the vessel operator reported to the U.S. Coast Guard (USCG) that the F/V Johnita caught fire and sank near Ester Rock off of Ester Island in Prince William Sound. The USCG reported the spill to ADEC at 8:45 P.M. on August 1, 2007

TIME/DATE OF SITUATION REPORT: 3:00 P.M. August 2, 2007

TIME/DATE OF THE NEXT REPORT: This is the final report.

TYPE/AMOUNT OF PRODUCT SPILLED: The vessel operator reported that the F/V Johnita had about 255-355 gallons of diesel on board, and approx 5-8 gallons of gasoline in cans for his 9.9 horse power Mercury outboard motor. The diesel fuel was observed burning as F/V Johnita sank. The vessel released an unknown amount fuel as it sank.

F/V Johnita, was a 40 foot fiberglass fishing vessel with four integrated tanks (one port, one starboard, and two aft tanks for running the generator).

LOCATION: The vessel sank at 60° 47' .2 N, 148° 08' .6, Ester Rock, Ester Island, Prince William Sound, in approximately 300-400 foot of water. Ester Rock is located approximately 17 miles East of Whittier by air.

CAUSE OF SPILL: The vessel operator reported that the fire was due to an electrical fire. The F/V Johnita sank as a result of the fire leaving a sheen upon the water surface.

POTENTIAL RESPONSIBLE PARTY (PRP): Mr. John Cowdery, Anchorage, AK.

RESPONSE ACTION: Other vessels in the vicinity of the incident rescued the vessel operator and crew. The USCG Sector Anchorage office conducted a helicopter overflight of the area at 8:00 P.M. on August 1, 2007 and reported that the fuel on water was unrecoverable. Another USCG overflight is scheduled for the afternoon of August 2, 2007.

SOURCE CONTROL: The USCG is closely monitoring the area, where the F/V Johnita sank, for any recoverable product. Very little debris or residual sheening has been observed. Salvage efforts of the vessel appear to be unfeasible due to extreme water depth, currents, and the fire damage to the vessel.

RESOURCES AFFECTED: There have been no reports of oiled fish and wildlife.

FUTURE PLANS AND RECOMMENDATIONS: The USCG and ADEC will continue to monitor the area where F/V Johnita sank for any reports of recoverable product or debris.

WEATHER: Overcast, rain and fog, winds SE 6-10 mph, and seas 2 ft.

UNIFIED COMMAND AND PERSONNEL:

Incident Commander: David Kayak (PRP)

F.O.S.C.: Capt. Mark DeVries (USCG)

S.O.S.C.: John Brown (ADEC)

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

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F/V JOHNITA (D937409) Sinking

Diesel on fire where F/V JOHNITA sank.



N 60° 47.033' W 148° 08.100'

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