

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 #: 4

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 11, 2008

TIME/DATE OF THE NEXT REPORT: 3:00 PM on August 12, 2008

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: Flemming Island in Prince William Sound, approximately 75 miles Southwest of Valdez. The reported location is 60° 10.58' N, 148° 00.18' W.

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: On August 10, 2008, R & R Diving recovered 900 gallons of diesel fuel from the day tank. To date, a total of 14,000 gallons of diesel fuel has been recovered from the vessel.

Salvage masters from Global Diving and Salvage, Inc. and Marine Engineering Consultant arrived on site on August 10, 2008 to head the salvage operation

The tender vessel Roberta M arrived on site at 3:15 AM on August 11, 2008. The Roberta M crew members inspected the three holding tanks and found that the water in the forward tank contained sheen. No contamination was evident in the aft holding tanks. ADEC Environmental Health representative is estimated to arrive on site at 2:30 PM today to inspect the fish for fuel contamination. Final disposition of the fish will be determine after the inspection has been completed.

The salvors patched the two 15-in by 1-in tears in the port bow using cedar wedges. Once the final patching work is completed using quick setting concrete for the inside and marine epoxy putty for the outside, the water in the engine room will be pumped out to refloat the vessel. Additional boom will be placed around the vessel prior to pumping the engine room.

A completed salvage plan written by the Global Diving and Salvage Inc. was submitted to the Unified Command today and is pending final approval.

The Storm Chasers Marine Services Inc. has been mobilized and is estimated to arrive on site at 4:00 PM today to assist with the salvage operation.

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

RESOURCES AFFECTED: Marine waters of Prince William Sound near Flemming Island. No oiled wildlife has been observed.

FUTURE PLANS AND RECOMMENDATIONS: The fish in the aft holding tank will be offloaded if it's found not to be contaminated. The fish will be offloaded to the tender vessel Roberta M and taken off site for disposal.

R& R Diving will lighter the remaining 10,000 gallons of diesel fuel on board after the fish in the aft holding tank has been offloaded. The response contractors will remain on site to protect sensitive areas and respond to any spill that may occur during lightering operation or refloating of the vessel.

Final patching work will be completed and the engine room will be dewatered to refloat the vessel. After successful refloating of the vessel, it will be towed to Seward for repairs.

The ADEC responder will remain at the Valdez Command Center as part of the Unified Command.

WEATHER: Mostly cloudy with scattered showers. N winds 4 – 5 kts becoming variable 10 kts in the afternoon. Seas calm.

UNIFIED COMMAND AND PERSONNEL

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

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