

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

SITUATION REPORT

INCIDENT NAME: F/V Mar-Gun Grounding St. George Island

SITREP #: 13

SPILL NUMBER: 09259906401

LEDGER CODE: 14251760

TIME/DATE OF SPILL: The US Coast Guard (USCG) Sector Anchorage notified ADEC at 6:15 AM on March 5, 2009 that the F/V Mar-Gun, a 112-foot trawl vessel had run aground with five (5) people on board and was taking on water.

TIME/DATE OF SITUATION REPORT: 2:00 PM on Thursday, March 26, 2009

TIME/DATE OF THE NEXT REPORT: 2:00 PM on Tuesday, March 31, 2009

TYPE/AMOUNT OF PRODUCT SPILLED: An unknown amount of diesel fuel has been released. 18,371 gallons of fluids have been removed from the vessel.

LOCATION: North shoreline of St. George Island, at approximately Latitude 56° 36' N, Longitude 169° 36' W. St. George Island is one of the Pribilof Islands located in the Bering Sea approximately 250 miles northwest of Unalaska.

CAUSE OF SPILL: The cause of the grounding is being investigated by the USCG.

POTENTIAL RESPONSIBLE PARTY (PRP): Margun Enterprises, LLC.

RESPONSE ACTION: On the morning of March 23, 2009 response crew removed from the vessel one drum of recovered fluids, one drum of bagged oily sorbents and two cylinders of R-22 refrigerant by helicopter. They also moved welding and fabrication equipment to the vessel for future recovery work. They removed trawl doors from the vessel and placed them in the water alongside the port stern, and made preparations to make permanent patch repairs to the engine room. On Tuesday, March 24, 2009, the Magone Marine crew fabricated a bilge pump strainer to prevent sorbents from coming into contact with the dewatering pumps on the vessel. They also fabricated a gangway for use between the dock and M/V Makushin Bay, which is now being used for fabrication work. That afternoon, the crew dewatered the engine room on the F/V Mar-Gun and cleared obstructions from inside the vessel to allow access to cracks in the hull for patching. The crew cleared the decking to allow for venting and future access to the holed #3 and #4 port tanks and also to access the ship's structural parts for future reinforcement/doubling. High winds and hazardous conditions precluded boarding the vessel. The helicopter delivered one sling load of salvage gear to the vessel. Two drums of oily sorbent material were flown to shore side containment for eventual disposal. Incineration is not being conducted due to adverse wind direction. There are approximately 30 bags of oily waste awaiting incineration. Responders were not able to work on March 25, 2009 due to inclement weather conditions. Magone Marine crew disassembled and stowed the rigging for the stabilization anchor on the M/V Makushin Bay in preparation of rigging the recovery ground tackle.

RESOURCES AFFECTED: There have been no reports of impacted wildlife at this time.

FUTURE PLANS AND RECOMMENDATIONS: Several plans including the vessel recovery plan with Potential Places of Refuge document and the updated Health and Site Safety Plan are being finalized. Salvage rigging will be organized and stored in the harbor. M/V Western Viking is in Dutch Harbor awaiting favorable weather before departing for St. George Island. The salvage crews will use a helicopter to load steel on board the F/V Mar-Gun.

WEATHER: Snow showers with areas of blowing snow, highs around 20° F, north winds 25 to 40 mph diminishing to 15 to 30 mph in the afternoon.

UNIFIED COMMAND AND PERSONNEL:

Incident Commander: Kristina O'Connor (PRP)
 F.O.S.C. : CDR Joseph LoSciuto (USCG)
 S.O.S.C. : Gary Folley (ADEC)
 L.O.S.C. : Chris Merculief (St. George Traditional Council)

FOR ADDITIONAL INFORMATION CONTACT:

Gary Folley, ADEC, 262-5210 ext 234
 Weld Royal, ADEC Public Information Officer, 465-5009/321-5491

A Unified Command Web site has been established at
<http://www.dec.state.ak.us/spar/perp/mar-gun>

AGENCY/STAKEHOLDER NOTIFICATION LIST

This sitrep has been distributed via email to the Governor's office, Senator Begich's office, ADF&G, ADNR, SECC, USEPA, USDOJ, NMFS, USFWS, and USFS in addition to the following.

AGENCY	NAME	Sent Via		Telephone	Facsimile
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USEPA	Matt Carr	Fax		271-3616	271-3424
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St. George Traditional Council	Maxim Malavansky Jr	Fax		859-2447	859-2251
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