

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

SITUATION REPORT

INCIDENT NAME: F/V *Patty J* Grounding

SITREP #: 3

SPILL NUMBER: 09119922001

LEDGER CODE: 14276660

TIME/DATE OF SPILL: 4:30 AM on August 8, 2009. The grounding was reported to ADEC at 7:00 AM on August 8, 2009 by the U.S. Coast Guard (USCG).

TIME/DATE OF SITUATION REPORT: 3:00 PM on August 21, 2009

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

TYPE/AMOUNT OF PRODUCT SPILLED: The F/V *Patty J*, a 58-foot wooden vessel, is reported to have contained approximately 700 gallons of diesel fuel, 30-gallon tank of hydraulic oil, and an unknown volume of lube oil when it grounded.

LOCATION: Square Cove in Chatham Strait, Alaska.

CAUSE OF SPILL: The F/V *Patty J* grounded on a charted reef along Chatham Strait near Square Cove. The five crew members from the F/V *Patty J* were taken onboard by a nearby Good Samaritan vessel. The vessel is down by the bow and sitting at an approximately 80 degree angle to port. The vessel is sitting near a ledge where water depths reach approximately 45 feet.

POTENTIAL RESPONSIBLE PARTY (PRP): Dontos Enterprises, Inc.

RESPONSE ACTION: On August 10, 2009, the Southeast Alaska Lighterage (SEAL) removed 800 gallons of diesel fuel and water from the vessel. Overflights were conducted on August 11 and 12, 2009 and no sheen was observed. On August 19, 2009, a follow up overflight was done by SEAL and Blomquist Marine Surveys to check on the condition of the vessel after storms in the area. The vessel had moved approximately sixteen feet to the southeast and had shifted 10 degrees to port and is resting at an 80 degree angle. Water pressure during the storm loosened planks on the vessel's starboard side which is now open to the sea. Again, no sheen was noted around the vessel.

After the August 19, 2009 overflight, a meeting was held between EPA, SEAL, USCG, ADNR, ADEC and Blomquist Marine Surveys to discuss vessel removal and disposal options. Those options included scuttling the vessel or moving it to shore and dismantling it. After thorough discussions, it has been determined that dismantling the vessel is the most viable option and the most logical place for the operation is Square Cove. The U.S. Forest Service owns the land above the mean high water at Square Cove and the area is a part of the Admiralty Island National Monument. The Unified Command has requested permission from the U.S. Forest Service to dismantle the vessel at Square Cove and remove the pieces. The USFS continues to process the request and their permit approval is pending.

The USFS is in contact with SEAL on the details of the proposed dismantling operation and possible restrictions associated with the USFS permit. ADNR is also in contact with SEAL on permitting the proposed dismantling operation within State intertidal lands.

SOURCE CONTROL: On August 10, 2009, SEAL removed approximately 800 gallons of diesel fuel and water from the vessel and secured the fuel vents with Splash Zone (underwater epoxy). All diesel fuel is believed to have been removed from the F/V *Patty J*. An estimated 30 gallons of hydraulic oil and an unknown quantity of lube oil are believed to be in the vessel's engine room which is inaccessible due to safety concerns.

RESOURCES AFFECTED: There have been no reports of impacts to wildlife or the shoreline.

FUTURE PLANS AND RECOMMENDATIONS: The USFS and DNR will continue to review the permit application. It is anticipated that the decisions to issue permits will be made within the next several days. Upon issuing the permits SEAL will mobilize to the area for vessel removal. SEAL estimates the operations will take approximately two weeks, depending on weather and sea conditions.

WEATHER: South wind 10 knots becoming north in the afternoon, seas 3 feet. Winds north at 10 knots overnight, seas 2 feet or less.

UNIFIED COMMAND AND PERSONNEL:

Incident Commander: Philip McCrudden, Meredith Management Group
F.O.S.C.: Capt. Mellissa Bert, USCG
S.O.S.C.: Scot W. Tiernan, ADEC

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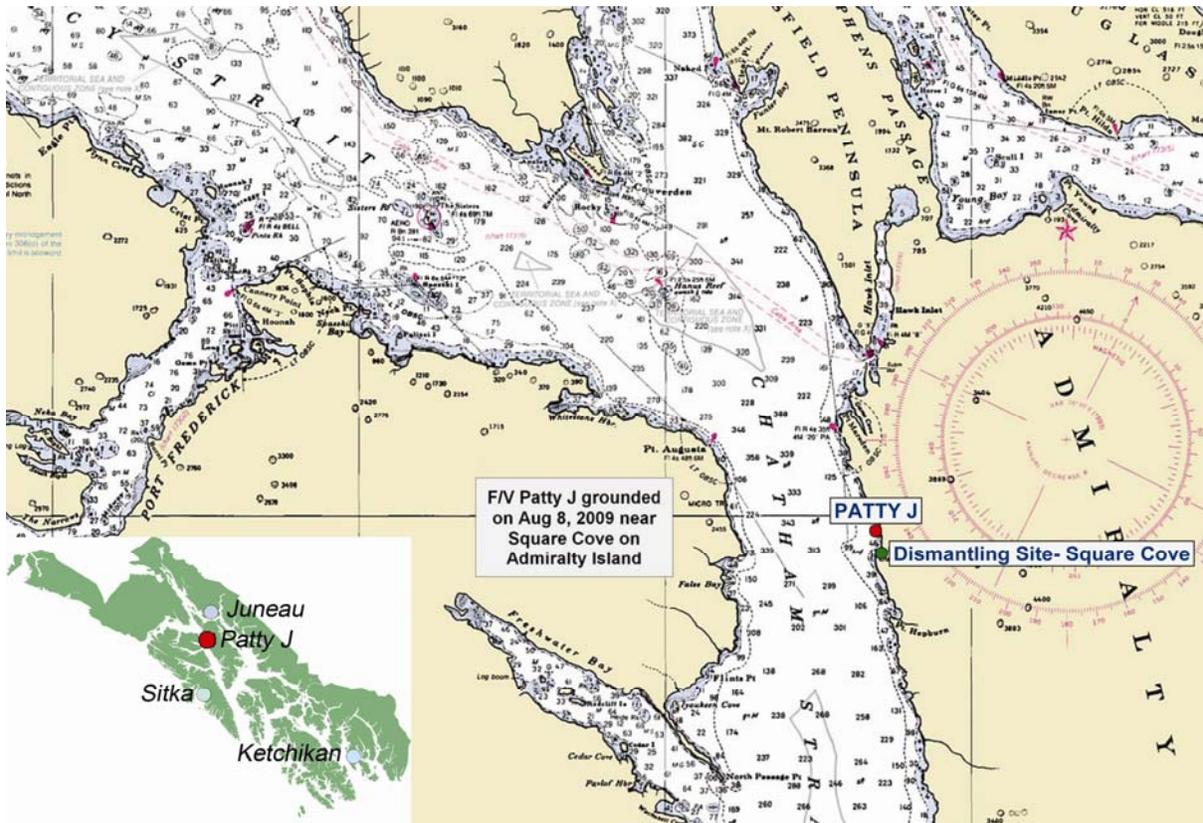
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This sitrep has been distributed via email to the Governor's office, Senator Begich's office, ADF&G, ADNR, SECC, USEPA, USDOJ, NMFS, USFWS, USFS and NOAA in addition to the following.

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F/V *Patty J* grounded in Chatham Strait, August 19, 2009. (Blomquist Marine Surveys Inc).



Map of disposal site for the F/V *Patty J*.