

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 #: 5

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: 4:00 PM on September 4, 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, a 30-gallon tank of hydraulic oil, and an unknown volume of lube oil when it grounded.

LOCATION: Outside 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.

POTENTIAL RESPONSIBLE PARTY (PRP): Dontos Enterprises, Inc. The PRP is being represented by Meredith Management Group, Inc. (MMG) who was hired by the insurance company providing pollution coverage to Dontos Enterprises, Inc.

RESPONSE ACTION: On September 3, 2009, the operation to dismantle the F/V *Patty J* scheduled for September 4 was terminated, reportedly at the direction of Dontos Enterprises, Inc.

ADEC immediately notified all parties involved that the removal of the wreck and remaining pollution was still required and failure to take appropriate action would result in the case being forwarded to the Attorney General's office for action.

Southeast Alaska Lighterage (SEAL) conducted an overflight of the FV*Patty J* on September 3. During the overflight sheen was observed and photographed around the vessel. Based on the photographs, MMG contracted with SEAL to re-deploy the boom.

On the evening of September 3 the USCG issued an Administrative Order to the owner of the vessel requiring all oil and hazardous material onboard be removed within a week. Failure to comply with the order could result in fines of up to \$37,500 and three times the cost incurred by the Coast Guard to remove the remaining pollution threat.

On September 4, in response to the USCG Administrative Order, MMG contracted SEAL to remove all pollution sources from the vessel, which was part of the original dismantling plan. With the reinstatement of the previously approved dismantling plan, the re-booming operations were canceled.

Due to delays caused by the termination of the initial contract, the dismantling of the F/V *Patty J* has been rescheduled from September 4 to September 9.

SOURCE CONTROL: On August 10th, 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: Oil has been discharged onto the marine waters in the vicinity of Square Cove. There have been no reports of impacts to wildlife or the shoreline.

FUTURE PLANS AND RECOMMENDATIONS: SEAL will mobilize to the site of the grounding on September 9th. The vessel will be moved to Square Cove for dismantling and removal of all pollution sources. There is no estimated date of completion of these operations.

WEATHER: North winds 15 knots shifting to south and 10 knots in the afternoon, seas 3 feet and rain.

UNIFIED COMMAND AND PERSONNEL:

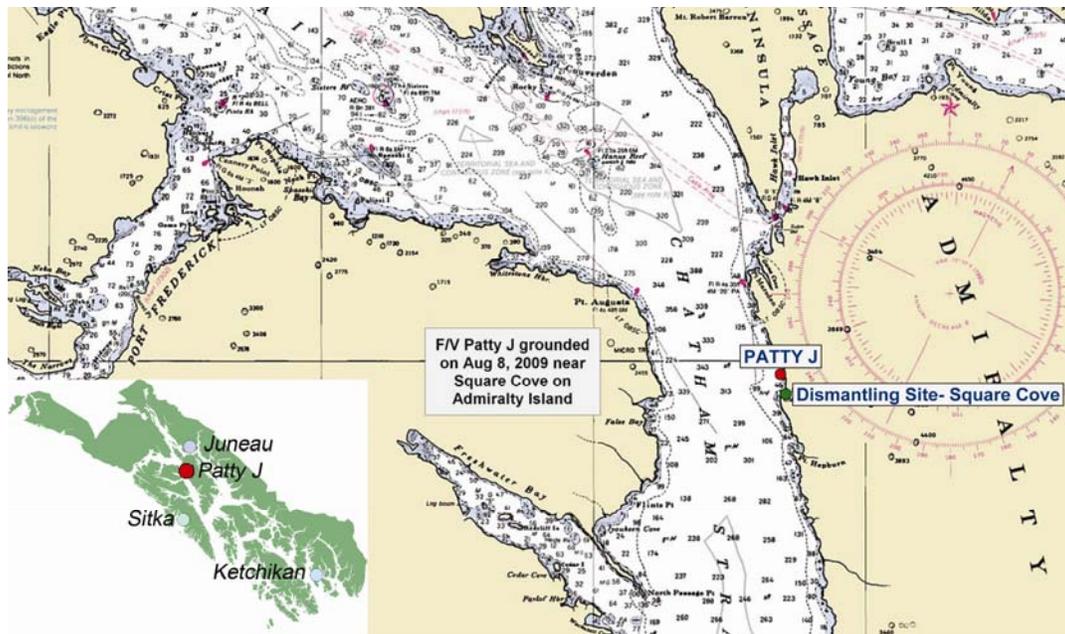
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F.O.S.C.: Capt. Mellissa Bert, USCG
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AGENCY/STAKEHOLDER NOTIFICATION LIST

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

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



SEAL photo of the *Patty J* taken during the September 3, 2009 overflight.