

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

**SITUATION REPORT**

**INCIDENT NAME:** F/V Nahanni Sinking

**SITREP #:** 2 and Final

**SPILL NUMBER:** 09229923401

**LEDGER CODE:** not requested

**TIME/DATE OF SPILL:** 8:30 PM, August 22, 2009

**TIME/DATE OF SITUATION REPORT:** 2:00 PM, September 23, 2010

**TIME/DATE OF THE NEXT REPORT:** This is the final situation report for this incident.

**TYPE/AMOUNT OF PRODUCT SPILLED:** There is a potential spill of 300 gallons of diesel and 40 gallons of lubricating oil. As of this report only light sheens have been reported.

**LOCATION:** Elrington Passage at Evans Island in Prince William Sound. The location is just outside of Sawmill Bay to the south west at a Lat/Lon of 60° 02.56'N, 148° 02.06'W

**CAUSE OF SPILL:** On August 22, the vessel struck a reef and began taking on water after delivering a load of fish.

**POTENTIAL RESPONSIBLE PARTY (PRP):** Ryan Rogers

**RESPONSE ACTION:** Good Samaritan vessels in the vicinity assisted in rescuing the crew and placing boom provided by the nearby hatchery. Pumps were unable to keep up with the in-flowing water and the vessel eventually rolled over with the stern up and the bow down. During the night on August 23, the vessel completely sank in an estimated 90 feet of water as determined by the still attached boom.

Alaska Chadux and Storm Chasers Marine Services, Incorporated were contracted by the PRP to assess and attempt to recover the vessel. Both had additional spill response and lightering equipment on-scene to prevent any further potential pollution impacts near Sawmill Bay.

The F/V Nahanni was raised from nearly 100 feet of water using inflatable lift bags by Storm Chasers Marine Services, Inc. The vessel was then moved to a nearby beach and grounded so that repairs could be made and the vessel was lightered and made sea-worthy for a tow to Seward. After a safe journey to Seward the vessel was removed from the water to dry dock.

**SOURCE CONTROL:** The vents on the fuel tanks were sealed by the crew before they abandoned the vessel. These seals held and only minor residual amounts of sheen were released within the containment boom.

**RESOURCES AFFECTED:** No waterfowl, otters or other resources were reported as having been impacted. Also, the Hatchery at the head of Sawmill Bay was not impacted.

**FUTURE PLANS AND RECOMMENDATIONS:** The vessels remains in dry dock.

**WEATHER:** Weather during the recovery and salvage operations were generally favorable

**UNIFIED COMMAND AND PERSONNEL:**

Incident Commander: Ryan Rogers

F.O.S.C.: CDR Darryl Verfaillie, USCG, Valdez

S.O.S.C.: Gary Folley, ADEC

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**AGENCY/STAKEHOLDER NOTIFICATION LIST**

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F/V Nahanni being raised



F/V Nahanni grounded on beach for repairs

These three photos are courtesy of Alaska Marine Surveyors, Inc.



F/V Nahanni coming out of the water at Storm Chasers facility in Seward