

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

SITUATION REPORT

INCIDENT NAME: F/V *Midnite Sun* Grounding

SITREP #: 3

SPILL NUMBER: 11249904201

LEDGER CODE: 14308860

TIME/DATE OF SPILL: The F/V *Midnite Sun*, an 86-foot fishing vessel, grounded on the west side of Afognak Island in the vicinity of Tanaak Cape, North of Malina Bay, at 12:30 AM on February 11, 2011. The US Coast Guard (USCG) reported the grounding to ADEC at 12:40 AM on the same day.

TIME/DATE OF SITUATION REPORT: 3:30 PM on February 16, 2011

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

TYPE/AMOUNT OF PRODUCT SPILLED: The operator of the vessel and marine salvors have estimated that between 4,000 and 4,500 gallons of diesel fuel have been spilled. The original estimate of 6,000 gallons of diesel fuel on board was based on the maximum capacity of the four fuel tanks that contained fuel at the time of the grounding.

LOCATION: The west side of Afognak Island in the vicinity of Tanaak Cape, Malina Bay
58° 15' 82" N/153° 05' 83" W, approximately 36 nautical miles north-northwest of the City of Kodiak.

CAUSE OF SPILL: The cause of the incident is under investigation by the USCG.

POTENTIAL RESPONSIBLE PARTY (PRP): Chesapeake, Inc., based in Anchorage.

RESPONSE ACTION: Salvors conducted a survey of the vessel on Tuesday, February 15, 2011, and determined that four of the vessel's six fuel tanks that contained fuel at the time of the grounding had been ruptured either during or since the grounding on Friday night. Resulting in a loss of a maximum of 4,500 gallons of diesel fuel. Only small amounts of residual fuel remain in the tanks. Salvors also estimated during Tuesday's site visit that up to 200 gallons of lube and hydraulic oils remain onboard. Several 5-gallon containers of miscellaneous petroleum products were removed or secured from the vessel.

Salvors observed no petroleum contamination or sheen around the vessel or on the adjoining shorelines during the site inspection.

SOURCE CONTROL: No source control was implemented at the time of the grounding due to sea state and darkness.

RESOURCES AFFECTED: Shorelines consist of gravel beaches with intermixed rocky outcrops.

The area around Tannak Cape from Malina Bay to Paramanof Bay is designated as Northern sea otter and Steller sea lion critical habitat. Steller sea lions may be present on haulouts and in the areas of Cape Paramanof and Cape Malina.

Waterfowl present may include mergansers, harlequin ducks, and similar species.

No historic or cultural resources are affected at this time.

Commercial fisheries operating in the area should not be affected and no closures have been initiated.

FUTURE PLANS AND RECOMMENDATIONS:

The PRP and salvors continue to develop plans to remove the remaining petroleum products from the vessel and remove the wreck from tideland.

The vessel will be monitored daily, weather permitting, by the PRP until the lube/hydraulic oils on the vessel can be removed.

Due to high winds and rough sea state, no fuel removal or salvage operation is anticipated to commence until the weather conditions improve.

Any petroleum products removed from the vessel will be transported by helicopter directly to Kodiak for proper disposal.

WEATHER: *Small Craft Advisory* today, northwest winds to 30 knots, seas 5 feet, freezing spray. Tonight - west winds 20 knots, seas 4 feet, freezing spray. Thursday - Southwest winds 30 knots, seas 6 feet, rain and snow showers, freezing spray.

UNIFIED COMMAND AND PERSONNEL:

Incident Commander: Clint Parks, Chesapeake, Inc.
F.O.S.C.: CAPT Jason Fosdick, USCG
S.O.S.C.: John Brown, ADEC

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Photographs and other spill information are available for viewing at:

<http://www.state.ak.us/dec/spar/perp/index.htm>

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F/V Midnite Sun grounded on the east side of Shelikof Strait in the vicinity of Tanaak Cape, Malina Bay. Photo courtesy of USCG.