



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

## **F/V *Savannah Ray* Grounding**

**SITREP #:** 1

**SPILL #:** 15249904701

**TIME/DATE OF DISTRIBUTION:** 4:00 p.m. February 17, 2015

**POTENTIAL RESPONSIBLE PARTY (PRP):** Mystic Blue LLC

**INCIDENT LOCATION:** Long Island approximately 5 miles southeast of Kodiak

**TIME/DATE OF SPILL:** The fishing vessel *Savannah Ray* grounded approximately 3:00 a.m. on February 16, 2015.

**HOW/WHEN SPILL WAS DISCOVERED:** The vessel ran aground near Long Island. The vessel grounding was reported to the U.S. Coast Guard at approximately 3:00 a.m. on February 16, 2015 by the vessel crew and the Coast Guard notified ADEC at 10:00 a.m. on the same day.

**TYPE/AMOUNT OF PRODUCT SPILLED:** No spill has been confirmed. The owner of the *Savannah Ray* estimates approximately 3,000 gallons of diesel fuel, 300 gallons of hydraulic oil, and 75 gallons of lube oil were onboard the vessel when it grounded.

**CAUSE OF SPILL:** The 81-foot steel-hulled fishing vessel was returning to Kodiak with approximately 25,000 pounds of cod when it ran aground. The cause of the grounding is unknown at this time and is being investigated by the Coast Guard and ADEC.

**SOURCE CONTROL:** No source control efforts have taken place at this time.

**RESPONSE ACTION:** There were four crew members on board the *Savannah Ray* at the time of grounding. The Coast Guard deployed a MH-60 Jayhawk helicopter early yesterday morning and successfully removed all crew members on board. The Coast Guard and PRP representative conducted an overflight during the daylight yesterday and observed no evidence of fuel or oil leaking from the grounded vessel. The Coast Guard conducted another overflight today and reported no visible pollution and the vessel remained intact. No response actions have taken place due to severe weather condition posing personnel safety concerns and boom ineffectiveness.

**RESOURCES AFFECTED:** There have been no reports of impacted fish or wildlife in the area. Western Distinct Population Segment (DPS) of Steller sea lions (Endangered Species Act-listed as endangered), southwest DPS of Northern sea otters (ESA-listed as threatened), and Steller's eiders (ESA-listed as threatened) may be present in the area. This area is also designated Steller sea lion Critical Habitat and sea otter Critical Habitat. Other ESA-listed species in the area may include humpback, North Pacific right, and sperm whales. There is a Steller sea lion haul out on the northeastern tip of Helen Bay. Harbor seals are likely present.



Chiniak Bay is a winter concentration area for waterfowl and seabirds. Shorebirds are likely present. Bald eagles are present year-round.

Wild stocks of anadromous salmon are major components to the marine ecosystems of Kodiak Island. All five salmon species are present. Juvenile salmon can be present throughout the area and tend to concentrate in shallow, near shore habitats.

**FUTURE PLANS AND RECOMMENDATIONS:** Plans for pollution mitigation and for hull and wreck removal are currently being developed by the PRP representative. Plans will be submitted to the Coast Guard and ADEC for review prior to work commencement. Personnel for the spill response contractor hired by the PRP are scheduled to arrive in Kodiak tonight to respond to any pollution from the vessel and will be on standby until the fuel and oil on-board can be safely lightered.

**WEATHER:** Currently south winds 20 knots; seas 6 feet. Tonight: south winds 15 knots becoming southwest winds 10 knots after midnight; seas 4 feet. Tomorrow: variable winds less than 10 knots; seas 3 feet.

**UNIFIED COMMAND AND PERSONNEL:**

Incident Commander: Mike Shupe, Mystic Blue LLC

SOSC: Steve Russell, ADEC

FOSC: Captain Paul Mehler III

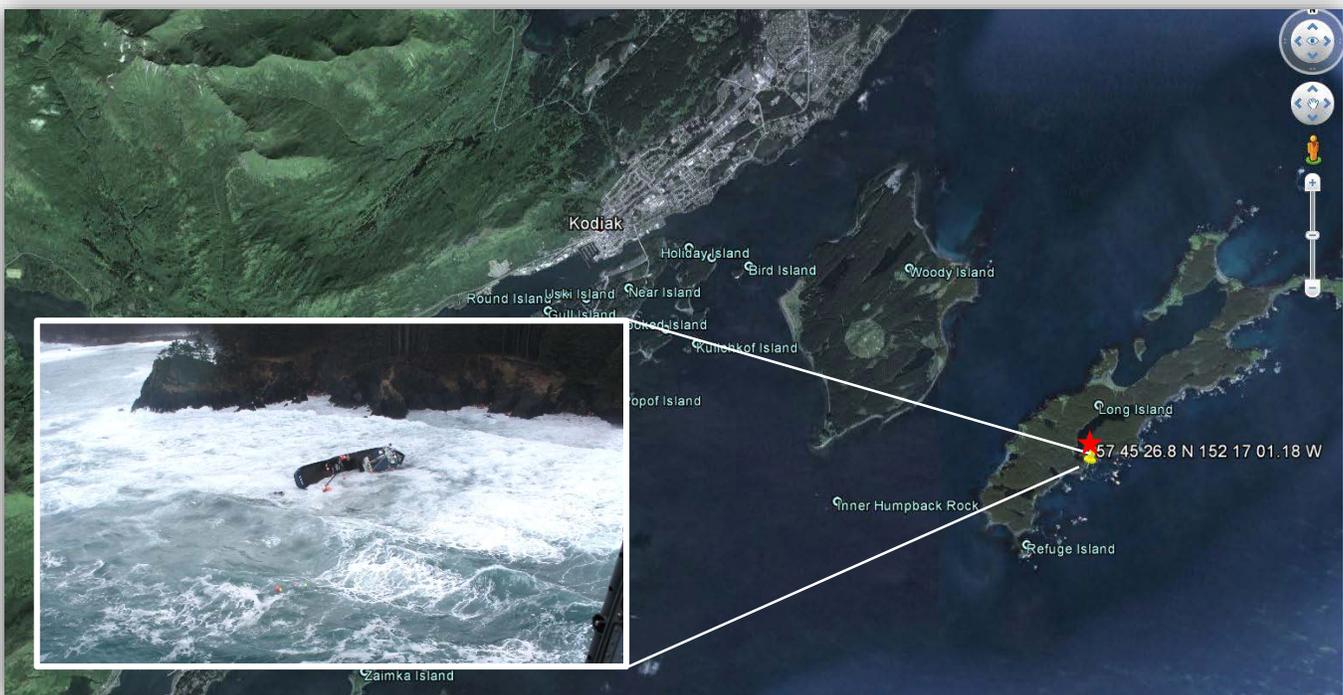
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SOSCR: Don Fritz, ADEC

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

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[http://dec.alaska.gov/spar/perp/response/sr\\_fy15.htm](http://dec.alaska.gov/spar/perp/response/sr_fy15.htm)



Incident location map with a picture of the grounded vessel, February 17, 2015. (Photo/U.S. Coast Guard).

**AGENCY/STAKEHOLDER NOTIFICATION LIST:** This situation report was distributed to the agencies listed on the standard distribution list, which includes the governor's office, State Emergency Operations Center, U.S. Department of the Interior, National Marine Fisheries Service, U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service, and other state agencies. This situation report was also distributed to the following agencies and stakeholders:

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