



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

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F/V *Lone Star* Sinking

SITREP #: 3

SPILL #: 13269918101

TIME/DATE OF DISTRIBUTION: 1:00 p.m. July 5, 2013

POTENTIAL RESPONSIBLE PARTY (PRP): Charles Burrece, Vessel Owner

INCIDENT LOCATION: Igushik River, Nushagak Bay, 30 river miles from Dillingham

TIME/DATE OF SPILL: 6:55 a.m. June 30, 2013

HOW/WHEN SPILL WAS DISCOVERED/REPORTED: The crew of the fishing vessel *Lone Star* notified the U.S. Coast Guard of the sinking at 6:55 a.m. on June 30, 2013. The Coast Guard notified ADEC at 8:59 a.m. on the same day.

TYPE/AMOUNT OF PRODUCT SPILLED: The vessel's crew reported to the Coast Guard that the vessel was carrying 13,750 gallons of diesel fuel and 300 gallons of other petroleum products at the time of sinking. The amount and type of petroleum product spilled is unknown at this time.

CAUSE OF SPILL: The *Lone Star's* crew reported to the Coast Guard that the anchor line struck the vessel's transducer while they were anchoring vessel, causing damage to the hull. The vessel began taking on water and capsized in 18 feet of water.

SOURCE CONTROL: None reported at the time of the incident.

RESPONSE ACTION: Today, ADEC, Alaska Department of Fish and Game, and Coast Guard observers aboard a 9:00 a.m. overflight reported ongoing rainbow sheen, approximately 1.5 miles long by 30 yards wide, from the *Lone Star* going up river with the tide. Alaska Chadux (Chadux) has dispatched one on-water recovery taskforce, a response vessel with response team onboard, from Dillingham and they are currently on route to the *Lone Star* location to mitigate the sheen. The Department of Fish and Game may be issuing an emergency order to close salmon fishing in this area if the sheen continues. No fuel impacts to the shoreline were observed during the overflight.

On July 4, Magone Marine Services (Magone) were not able to inspect and seal the *Lone Star's* fuel tank vents as scheduled due to miscalculation of the river currents by the dive support vessel, missing the low tide time frame. Magone's dive team will make another attempt today during this evening's low tide. The dive support vessel will head to the *Lone Star* location by following today's incoming tide and will be waiting for the dive team when they arrive by aircraft.



Magone continues to mobilize response resources that will be used to lighter fuel from the *Lone Star*. The resources are estimated to arrive on-scene within four to seven days.

Magone submitted fuel lightering and salvage plans for Coast Guard and ADEC review and approval.

RESOURCES AFFECTED: The shorelines of the Igushik River are primarily comprised of sheltered tidal flats and brackish marshes. The Igushik River supports all species of Pacific salmon. There are currently salmon fisheries open in the area, and fishing vessels, processors, and canneries are active, including a cannery located on the southwest shore of the Igushik River. Subsistence fishers may have gillnets in the water. Waterfowl may be nesting along the shorelines of the river and foraging in the river and tidal areas. Steller sea lions, humpback whales and Steller's eiders are Endangered Species Act-listed species that may be present in the area. Archaeological sites may be present in the area.

FUTURE PLANS AND RECOMMENDATIONS: Lightering will commence after the fuel lightering and salvage plans are approved and the required resources arrive on-site. Chadux is in the process of contracting a second vessel and mobilizing a second on-water recovery taskforce. Chadux will also be contracting a helicopter to support the response.

An ADEC representative will remain in Dillingham to monitor response actions.

WEATHER: Today: Areas of fog; southeast winds 15 knots; seas 3 feet. Tonight: Rain; south winds 15 knots; seas 3 feet. Tomorrow: Areas of fog and rain; south wind 15 knots, becoming easterly 15 knots in the evening; seas 4 feet or less. Sunday: Northwest wind 25 knots; seas 7 feet. Monday: West winds 20 knots; seas 6 feet.

UNIFIED COMMAND AND PERSONNEL:

Incident Commander: Tom Callahan, The Meredith Management Group
SOSC: John Brown, ADEC
FOSC: Jeff Estes, U.S. Coast Guard
Field SOSC: Mark Sielaff, ADEC

TIME/DATE OF THE NEXT REPORT DISTRIBUTION: 3:00 p.m. July 8, 2013

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Chadux response equipment being mobilized to Dillingham, July 5, 2013. (Photo/ADEC)

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