

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

**SITUATION REPORT**

**INCIDENT NAME:** F/V Northern Mariner

**SITREP #:** 5

**SPILL NUMBER:** 08229922001

**LEDGER CODE:** 14269960

**TIME/DATE OF INCIDENT:** The vessel grounding near Flemming Island in Prince William Sound was reported to U.S. Coast Guard (USCG) at 8:09 PM on August 7, 2008. USCG notified ADEC at 9:54 PM on August 7, 2008.

**TIME/DATE OF SITUATION REPORT:** 3:00 PM on August 12, 2008

**TIME/DATE OF THE NEXT REPORT:** 3:00 PM on August 13, 2008

**TYPE/AMOUNT OF PRODUCT SPILLED:** The vessel master initially estimated 25,000 to 28,000 gallons of diesel fuel, and 350 gallons of lube and hydraulic oil were on board when it grounded. Updated estimate of the diesel fuel on board is 24,000 gallons based on current information and calculations by the marine surveyor on site. This is a potential spill. Light sheening associated with residual oil from the compromised engine room was observed at the time of grounding; however, as of August 9, 2008, no further sheening has been observed.

**LOCATION:** The location of the grounding is Flemming Island in Prince William Sound, approximately 75 miles Southwest of Valdez. The reported location is 60° 10.58' N, 148° 00.18' W. The Northern Mariner is currently anchored in Thumb Bay,

**CAUSE OF SPILL:** F/V Northern Mariner, a 91-ft vessel, intentionally grounded in shallow water on Flemming Island after the vessel struck a rock and experienced severe flooding. Two 15-in by 1-in tears were reported in the port bow and vessel began flooding. The four crew members abandoned the vessel to a life raft and were picked up by F/V Tenacious and transported to Whittier. No injuries were reported from the incident.

**POTENTIAL RESPONSIBLE PARTY (PRP):** Northern Mariner LLC, Seattle, WA

**RESPONSE ACTIONS:** ADEC Environmental Health staff from Valdez arrived on site around noon yesterday, August 11, 2008, and inspected the fish on board the F/V Northern Mariner and determined that the fish in the aft holding tanks were not contaminated with fuel. At approximately 3:00 PM, R & R diving completed making temporary repairs to the vessels hull. By 10:00 PM, the F/V Northern Mariner was refloated upon completion of dewatering the vessel. The vessel was then relocated to a safe anchorage approximately 400 yards from the grounding location.

Today, August 12, 2008, at 7:00 AM, the tender vessel Roberta M completed transfer of fish cargo from the vessels holding tanks. Approximately 295,000 lbs of fish were transferred to the tender vessel Roberta M. The fish will be taken to Kodiak for processing. Approximately 50,000 lbs of fish still remains on board.

At 11:00 AM today, the F/V Northern Mariner was towed to Thumb Bay, across Knight Island Passage, where the vessel will be anchored alongside the M/V Alaska Challenger. Thumb Bay will provide safe anchorage for the F/V Northern Mariner and support vessels because weather is expected worsen tonight and tomorrow.

Global Diving and Salvage has submitted a revised lightering plan, which has been approved by the Unified Command. The revised plan is for the removal of the last 10,000 gallons of fuel from the centerline tanks. Containment boom will encircle both the F/V Northern Mariner and the M/V Alaska Challenger during lightering. Additional boom and skimmers will be readily available in the event of a fuel release.

**SOURCE CONTROL:** Crew re-boarded the vessel at low tide and plugged vents prior to departing the incident location. Temporary repairs have been made to the damaged hull of the vessel. Continue lightering of the diesel fuel on board.

**RESOURCES AFFECTED:** No oiled wildlife has been observed.

**FUTURE PLANS AND RECOMMENDATIONS:** Global Diving and Salvage will submit a transit plan to tow the F/V Northern Mariner to Seward for USCG approval.

Divers will conduct additional vessel hull surveys to ensure the vessel has no additional damage which may hinder the towing of the F/V Northern Mariner to Seward where addition repairs will be made.

The ADEC responder will remain at the Valdez Command Center as part of the Unified Command.

**WEATHER:** Today cloudy with rain, variable winds less than 10 kts increasing to north 15 kts, seas building to 3 ft. Tonight, Northeast winds 15 kts, increasing to East 25kts, seas 6 ft. with rain.

**UNIFIED COMMAND AND PERSONNEL**

Incident Commander.....Kevin Valdestad (Northern Mariner LLC)  
F.O.S.C.....Darryl Verfallie, Commander (USCG)  
S.O.S.C.....Gary Folley (ADEC)

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