

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

SITUATION REPORT

INCIDENT NAME: F/V *Nor'Quest* Grounding

SITREP #: 1

SPILL NUMBER: 11269914501

LEDGER CODE: Requested

TIME/DATE OF SPILL: This is a potential spill. The F/V *Nor'Quest* lost anchor on the evening of May 24, 2011 and started to drift ashore towards the Hagemeister Island. The vessel captain notified the U.S. Coast Guard (USCG) at 3:15 AM and ADEC was notified at 4:17 AM on May 25, 2011.

TIME/DATE OF SITUATION REPORT: 4:00 PM on May 25, 2011.

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

TYPE/AMOUNT OF PRODUCT SPILLED: No fuel has been released. The vessel captain estimates that 16,800 – 18,800 gallons of diesel fuel, 200 gallons of gasoline, 200 gallons of lube oil, 300 gallons of hydraulic oil, and 110 gallons of waste oil are on board the vessel.

LOCATION: Adjacent to Hagemeister Island, Alaska. Located within Hagemeister Strait within Bristol Bay and approximately 15 miles S/W of Togiak, Alaska. Lat/Long: 58°44.700N, 160°52.900W.

CAUSE OF SPILL: Vessel grounding. Vessel operator reports that there is a rock pile in close proximity to the vessel that poses a potential threat if the vessel shifts with the wind, currents, and tide.

POTENTIAL RESPONSIBLE PARTY (PRP): SRW Marine Services LLC

RESPONSE ACTION: USCG has conducted an overflight with a C-130 and reported no visible sheen in the area. In addition the USCG contacted the USCG Pacific Strike Team for possible lightering support. The F/V *Nor'Quest* was unable to remove itself from the grounding location on this morning's high tide. A second vessel owned by SRW Marine Services attempted to attach a tow line to the vessel but was unable to safely approach close enough. USCG has requested that the vessel operator develop a fuel removal plan and a vessel salvage plan.. Alaska Chadux Corporation, a spill response contractor, has also been notified and has been asked to stand by to assist with any sensitive area protection and spill cleanup if necessary.

SOURCE CONTROL: Vessel crew is attempting to cap the vessel fuel vents.

RESOURCES AFFECTED:

Shorelines of northwest Hagemeister Island are comprised of gravel beaches in the immediate vicinity of the grounded vessel. Surrounding areas are comprised of exposed tidal flats with a wave-cut platform immediately to the south of the anadromous stream. Capelin are entering the area for spawning in the nearshore waters in the vicinity of the grounding. Pacific herring are also spawning along the western shore of Hagemeister Strait April through July. Both Capelin and Herring adults and eggs may be susceptible to oiling as they remain close to the surface. Seal haulouts are present near the grounding site and near the northwest tip of the island on intermittent exposed rocky outcrops. Harbor seals, Ringed seals, and bearded seals are reported as utilizing these haulout sites. In 2005, 300-500 harbor seals were counted on the south side of Hagemeister Island. Fur seals may also be present. Many whale species are also present in the area including Minke whales and gray whales. Harbor porpoise are also present. This area is also known to support invertebrate populations including Tanner crab and red king crab. Walrus Islands State Game Sanctuary supports walrus and is designated Steller sea lion critical habitat.

FUTURE PLANS AND RECOMMENDATIONS: The vessel operator will prepare a fuel removal plan and a vessel salvage plan for USCG and ADEC review.

WEATHER: Temperature 48° F. Mostly cloudy with scattered rain showers. East wind 20 to 35mph. Local gusts to 45mph.

UNIFIED COMMAND AND PERSONNEL:

Incident Commander: Warner Lew, Vessel Representative
F.O.S.C.: Captain Jason Fosdick, USCG Sector Anchorage
S.O.S.C.: Steve Russell, ADEC

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