



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

## **F/V Lone Star Sinking**

**SITREP #:** 1

**SPILL #:** 13269918101

**TIME/DATE OF DISTRIBUTION:** 2:30 p.m. July 1, 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 (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 14,000 gallons of diesel fuel, 250 gallons of unleaded gasoline, 150 gallons of hydraulic oil, and 150 gallons of lubricating oils at the time of sinking. The amount and type of petroleum product spilled is unknown at this time. The Alaska Department of Fish and Game conducted an overflight on June 30 and observed a light sheen in the vicinity of the vessel.

**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:** The Coast Guard contracted Magone Marine Services, Inc. (Magone Marine) to remove the petroleum products off of the vessel and Alaska Chadux Corporation (Chadux) to respond to the spill. Chadux mobilized six personnel and response equipment to Dillingham. Magone Marine and Chadux conducted an overflight at 10:55 a.m. today to assess the vessel's condition and returned to Dillingham. Magone Marine and Chadux representatives reported that the vessel's bow was underwater, with its stern exposed. A very faint silver sheen was observed coming from the stern and moving to the northeast in the river. The sheen was approximately 300 feet by 20 feet in size. The overflight helicopter landed on the south shore of the Igushik River so the Magone Marine and Chadux representatives could assess conditions in the area. While on shore, they spoke to a local fisherman, who reported no shore impact in the immediate area. Many set net skiffs were anchored along the river's north bank, upwind of the *Lone Star*.



**RESOURCES AFFECTED:** Commercial set net and vessel-based fisheries in the Nushagak River area. During the 10:55 a.m. overflight, Magone Marine and Chadux representatives reported observing approximately 20 beluga whales and some gulls and other water fowl. No sign of oil was seen near the observed wildlife.

**FUTURE PLANS AND RECOMMENDATIONS:** One ADEC representative is scheduled to arrive in Dillingham today to monitor response actions. Magone Marine will submit a response plan for Coast Guard and ADEC approval.

**WEATHER:** Today: Patchy fog and rain; southwest winds 25 knots; seas 11 feet. Tomorrow: Patchy fog and rain; southwest winds 20 knots; seas 8 feet.

**UNIFIED COMMAND AND PERSONNEL:**

SOSC: John Brown, ADEC  
FOSC: Jeff Estes, USCG  
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**TIME/DATE OF THE NEXT REPORT DISTRIBUTION:** 2:30 p.m. on July 2, 2013

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*Silver sheen observed from vessel,  
June 30, 2013. (Photo/ADF&G)*



*Capsized F/V Lone Star, June 30, 2013.  
(Photo/ADF&G)*

**AGENCY/STAKEHOLDER NOTIFICATION LIST:** This situation report was distributed to the agencies listed on the standard distribution list, which includes the governor's office, Senator Begich'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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