



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



## ***F/V Fate Hunter Grounding***

**SITREP #:** 1

**SPILL #:** 13229922301

**TIME/DATE OF DISTRIBUTION:** 2:00 p.m., August 12, 2013

**POTENTIAL RESPONSIBLE PARTY (PRP):** Kelly Smotherman

**INCIDENT LOCATION:** Approximately 7 miles west of Valdez, and less than a mile east of Shoup Bay, in Port Valdez (Lat/Long: 61.1224, -146.5602)

**TIME/DATE OF SPILL:** 5:30 a.m., August 11, 2013

**HOW/WHEN SPILL WAS DISCOVERED:** At 5:33 a.m., August 11, 2013, the U.S. Coast Guard received a report from the fishing vessel *Fate Hunter* that it had run aground. The U.S. Coast Guard reported the grounding to ADEC at 7:23 a.m., August 11, 2013.

**TYPE/AMOUNT OF PRODUCT SPILLED:** The owner of the *Fate Hunter* estimates that 1,500 gallons of diesel fuel, 300 gallons of hydraulic oil and 100 gallons of lube oil were on board the vessel when it ran aground. The amount spilled is unknown at this time. A light sheen has been reported in the area of the grounding.

**CAUSE OF SPILL:** The 65-foot steel-hulled fishing tender was returning to Valdez after taking 150,000 pounds of salmon on board, when it ran aground. The cause of the grounding is unknown at this time and is being investigated by the Coast Guard.

**SOURCE CONTROL:** The vessel has been secured to the shore with lines. Hard boom has been deployed around the vessel and the fuel vents have been secured.

**RESPONSE ACTION:** There were four people on board the *Fate Hunter* at the time of the grounding. A nearby fishing vessel, the *Akemi*, picked them up at 7:00 a.m. on August 11 and returned to Valdez. No injuries have been reported.

The owner of the vessel has hired Alaska Chadux and Global Diving and Salvage to mitigate the environmental risk and recover the *Fate Hunter*. Five drums of oil floated off the vessel and were recovered from the area by R&R Diving during the evening of August 11.

**RESOURCES AFFECTED:** There has been no report of impacts to wildlife at this time. The area is habitat to over 20 species of birds. Sea otters may also be present. The shoreline at the grounding location is steep rock cliff.

**FUTURE PLANS AND RECOMMENDATIONS:** The salvage team and equipment has mobilized to Valdez. A dive survey has been scheduled for today, weather permitting. The responsible party, Global Diving and Alaska Chadux are working together with state and federal agencies to develop plans for mitigating any potential pollution threats, removing the fish cargo and recovering the *Fate Hunter*. Work plans will be reviewed by ADEC and the Coast Guard.

**WEATHER:** Currently, east winds 10 knots becoming variable less than 10 knots; seas 2 feet. Tonight and tomorrow, variable winds less than 10 knots and seas 2 feet with patchy fog.

**UNIFIED COMMAND AND PERSONNEL:**

Incident Commander: Kerry Walsh, Global Diving & Salvage, Inc.

SOSC: Steven Russell, ADEC

FOSC: Lieutenant Keyth Pankau, Jr, Coast Guard

Field SOSC: John Engles, ADEC

**TIME/DATE OF THE NEXT REPORT DISTRIBUTION:** 2:00 p.m., August 13, 2013

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F/V Fate Hunter Aground

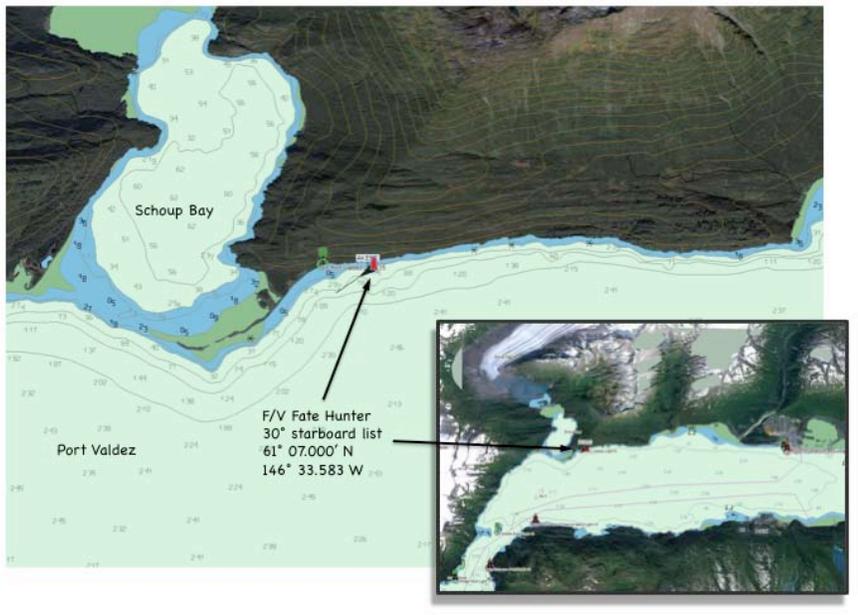


Photo taken by ADEC,  
August 11 at 7:30 p.m.



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