

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

SITUATION REPORT

INCIDENT NAME: F/V *Midnite Sun* Grounding

SITREP #: 1

SPILL NUMBER: 11249904201

LEDGER CODE: Not Requested

TIME/DATE OF SPILL: The F/V *Midnite Sun*, a 68-foot fishing vessel, grounded on the south side of Shelikof Straits in the vicinity of Cape Paramanof at 12:30 AM on February 11, 2011. The US Coast Guard (USCG) reported the grounding to ADEC at 12:40 AM on the same day.

TIME/DATE OF SITUATION REPORT: 3:30 PM on February 11, 2011

TIME/DATE OF THE NEXT REPORT: 3:00 PM on February 14, 2011

TYPE/AMOUNT OF PRODUCT SPILLED: This is a potential spill. The operator of the vessel reported to the USCG that approximately 6,000 gallons of diesel fuel and 150 gallons of lube and hydraulic oil were on the vessel at the time of the grounding. USCG reported that no fuel or sheen was observed around the vessel or on the adjoining shorelines during the overflight conducted today.

LOCATION: South side of Shelikof Straits in the vicinity of Cape Paramanof (58° 16' 18" N/153° 5' 23" W), approximately 36 nautical miles north northwest of the City of Kodiak.

CAUSE OF SPILL: The cause of the incident is under investigation by the USCG.

POTENTIAL RESPONSIBLE PARTY (PRP): Chesapeake, Inc.

RESPONSE ACTION: Upon notification of the incident, a USCG helicopter was launched from the Air Station Kodiak to the vessel grounding location. The USCG helicopter safely transported all five crew members on board the vessel back to Kodiak.

The PRP has contacted the vessel hull underwriters to start the process of conducting a vessel inspection, and develop a salvage plan to lighten the fuel and salvage the vessel.

The USCG helicopter conducted an overflight at approximately 12:30 PM and the crew reported that there was no apparent damage to the vessel and no fuel or sheen was observed around the vessel or on the adjoining shorelines.

SOURCE CONTROL: No source control implemented at the time of the grounding. The vessel will be monitored daily, weather permitting, by the PRP until the fuel on the vessel can be removed.

RESOURCES AFFECTED: Shorelines consist of gravel beaches with intermixed rocky outcrops. The area around Tannak Cape from Malina Bay to Paramanof Bay is designated as Northern sea otter habitat. Steller sea lions are present on haulouts and in the areas of Cape Paramanof and Cape Malina. These animals are listed as endangered species in this area under the Endangered Species Act and should command a high priority for protection in the event of a spill. The vessel is aground within the designated critical habitat for the Steller sea lion. Waterfowl choosing to overwinter in the area is also increasing each year. Therefore, some overwintering waterfowl may be present. Waterfowl present may include mergansers, harlequin ducks, and similar species.

FUTURE PLANS AND RECOMMENDATIONS:

The PRP's salvage contractor will develop a salvage plan for review by USCG and ADEC. Due to high winds and rough sea state, no fuel removal or salvage operation is anticipated to commence until the weather conditions improve.

WEATHER: Gale warning tonight and Saturday, Northwest winds to 40 knots, seas 6 feet, heavy freezing spray. Tonight West winds 30 knots, seas 6 feet, heavy freezing spray. Saturday West winds 30 knots, seas 5 feet, heavy freezing spray.

UNIFIED COMMAND AND PERSONNEL:

Incident Commander: Clint Parks, Chesapeake, Inc.
F.O.S.C.: CAPT Jason Fosdick, USCG
S.O.S.C.: John Brown, ADEC

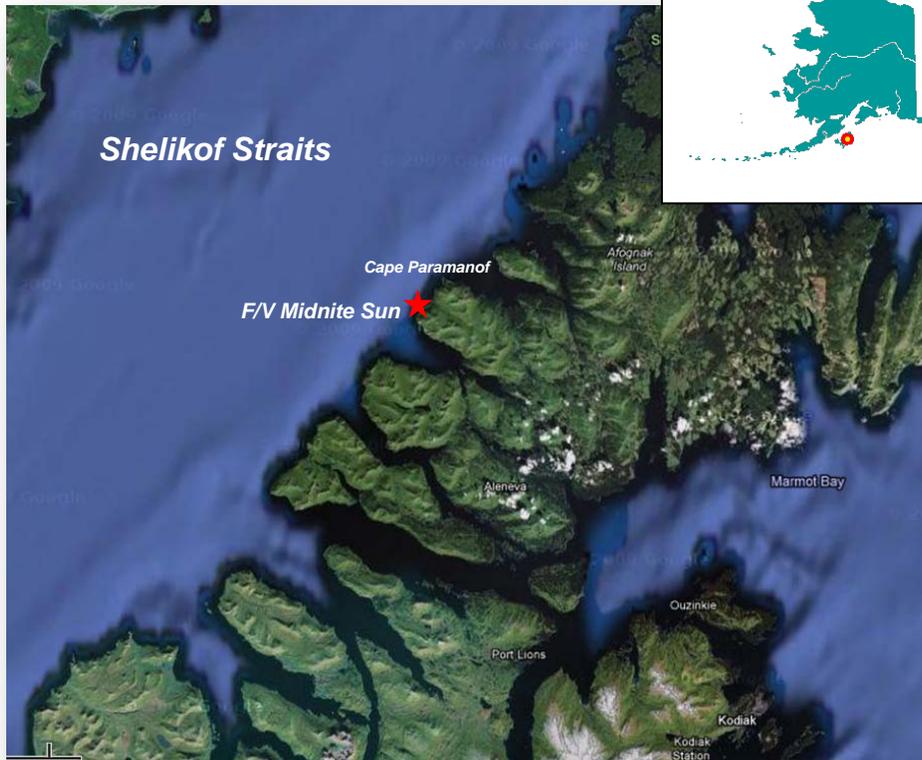
FOR ADDITIONAL INFORMATION CONTACT: John Brown, ADEC, (907) 269-7688

Photographs and other spill information are available for viewing at:
<http://www.state.ak.us/dec/spar/perp/index.htm>

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Incident location map.



F/V Midnite Sun grounded off of Cape Paramanof, Afognak Island. Photos courtesy of USCG.

