

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

SITUATION REPORT

INCIDENT NAME: F/V Exodus Explorer

SITREP #: 5 and Final

SPILL NUMBER: 07259907701

LEDGER CODE: 14969960

TIME/DATE OF SPILL: March 18, 2007 at 2:02 AM. The USCG reported the spill to ADEC at 5:32 AM on March 18, 2007.

TIME/DATE OF SITUATION REPORT: 12:00 PM on June 4, 2007

TIME/DATE OF THE NEXT REPORT: This is the final report

TYPE/AMOUNT OF PRODUCT SPILLED: Sheen was observed for a short period around the vessel after it ran aground. The quantity of diesel fuel released is unknown. The vessel was also carrying 35,000 pounds of cod.

LOCATION: The vessel ran aground on Gannet Rocks in Kuluk Bay, 51.8721°N, 176.6183°W.

CAUSE OF SPILL: The vessel ran aground on Gannet Rocks.

POTENTIAL RESPONSIBLE PARTY (PRP): B & N Fisheries. Capt. Dan Carney

RESPONSE ACTION: The salvage team completed the lightering of the vessel by 10:00 AM on March 26, 2007. A total of 4,299 gallons of diesel and 443 gallons of mixed diesel and water were transferred from the Exodus Explorer to the vessel Intrepid Explorer. The vessel's trawling net was removed to avoid possible risks to marine life near the vessel. The salvage team welded a patch over the 14" by 24" hole near the port engine room of the vessel.

Magone Marine Services mobilized their 197' barge Kashoga equipped with a crane, boom, absorbents, storage tank, and diving & salvage equipment. The M/V Redeemer tug provided the tow to the wreck site and assisted in executing the disposal plan. Magone raised the vessel to the upright position. While the vessel was in its normal operating draft position, engine room oils and other hazardous materials were removed. US Coast Guard personnel were present on-scene to verify removal of oil and hazardous materials.

While in transit to the proposed scuttling site, the F/V Exodus Explorer, which was being towed by the stern, began to take on water from the stern due to the choppy sea conditions which caused it to ride progressively lower in the water as it was towed north toward the proposed scuttling site. The F/V had to be scuttled prior to arrival at the pre-approved location to protect the safety of the personnel aboard the M/V Redeemer. The F/V Exodus Explorer was scuttled at 9:16 AM on May 22, 2007, at a position of 52-08.429N 176-31.539W, 8.3 nautical miles northeast of the northernmost point on Adak Island, at a depth of 1500 fathoms- below the photosynthetic zone. US Coast Guard personnel were on scene when the vessel was scuttled.

Sheen was reported initially when the vessel ran aground and as the vessel was raised into the upright position; otherwise, there were no releases observed.

SOURCE CONTROL: Fuel has been removed from vessel.

RESOURCES AFFECTED: The waters of Kuluk Bay due to sheen observed. No oiled wildlife has been reported.

FUTURE PLANS AND RECOMMENDATIONS: None.

WEATHER: Overcast 39 degrees and winds from the north at 7 miles per hour.

UNIFIED COMMAND AND PERSONNEL:

Incident Commander: Capt. Dan Carney
 F.O.S.C. : Capt. Devries - USCG
 S.O.S.C. : Gary Folley - ADEC
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