

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

SITUATION REPORT

INCIDENT NAME: Snug Harbor Seafoods Barge

SITREP #: 2 & Final

SPILL NUMBER: 07239910701

LEDGER CODE: Not Requested

TIME/DATE OF SPILL: The barge was discovered broken from moorings and grounded near the mouth of Kenai River at 8:00 AM on April 17, 2007 and the PRP reported it to ADEC at 3:21 PM.

TIME/DATE OF SITUATION REPORT: 11:00 AM August 31, 2007

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

TYPE/AMOUNT OF PRODUCT SPILLED: The PRP estimates that 20 gallons of hydraulic oil was released.

LOCATION: Half a mile from the mouth of the Kenai Rive, Cook Inlet

CAUSE OF SPILL: A deck barge used as a fish buying and vessel support platform during the fishing season was reportedly torn from its moorings during an extreme ebb tide in the early morning of April 17, 2007 when the ice broke in the Kenai River. The barge drifted in large broken ice floes and grounded on the north river bank approximately half a mile from the mouth of the Kenai River.

The deck of the barge had miscellaneous fish sorting equipment, 3 small cranes, a hydraulic power pack and a small office shack. All were lost during the subsequent flood tides soon after the time of the grounding. There was no diesel or gasoline stored on the vessel. The vessel has 4 compartments: the 2 equal-sized mid compartments comprise about 70% of internal space and the 2 equal-sized end-tanks comprise 30% of internal space.

POTENTIAL RESPONSIBLE PARTY (PRP): Snug Harbor Seafoods (SHS), Kenai.

RESPONSE ACTION: An Alaska Divers & Underwater Salvage (ADUS) team along with the crew of the L/C Arctic Wolf and SHS personnel successfully refloated the dock at 2:00 PM on June 2, 2007. Substantial damage on the barge bottom required constant pumping effort to maintain buoyancy. The barge was relocated to a pre-approved sand bar location where assessment continued and additional temporary repairs were completed during the evening low tide. On June 3, 2007 during the early morning flood tide the barge was refloated and relocated to a secure beach location at the SHS Kenai River pier.

SOURCE CONTROL: None, the barge lost all of its cargo.

RESOURCES AFFECTED: Kenai River

FUTURE PLANS AND RECOMMENDATIONS: The L/C Arctic Wolf was released from service and departed the Kenai River on the early ebb tide on June 3, 2007. ADUS crews collected their gear and also returned to their home base. SHS crews monitored the dock during the next several tides to confirm that the current mooring arrangement was adequate.

WEATHER: Partly cloudy with highs in the low 60s.

UNIFIED COMMAND AND PERSONNEL:

Incident Commander: Paul Dale, Snug Harbor Seafoods
 F.O.S.C. : Capt. Mark DeVries, USCG
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