

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

**INCIDENT NAME:** Bowhead Transportation Barge Incident

**SITREP #:** 3

**SPILL NUMBER:** 10399925701

**LEDGER CODE:** 14304260

**TIME/DATE OF SPILL:** At approximately 11:30 AM on September 14, 2010, Bowhead Transport reported that the wheelhouse on the barge "Stryker" partially separated from the vessel due to structural failure and grounded in nine feet of water. Pioneer Natural Resources notified ADEC at approximately 12:00 PM.

**TIME/DATE OF SITUATION REPORT:** 3:00 PM on September 16, 2010

**TIME/DATE OF THE NEXT REPORT:** 3:00 PM on September 17, 2010

**TYPE/AMOUNT OF PRODUCT SPILLED:** A small unknown quantity of fuel was released and observed as a light grey sheen during an agency overflight on the evening of September 15. The sheen was observed during this morning's overflight inside and outside of the boom surrounding the Stryker. No sheen was observed on the shorelines near the vessel.

**LOCATION:** 40 Miles West of Prudhoe Bay on the east side of the Colville River Delta.  
N70°31'19", W150°5'44"

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

**POTENTIAL RESPONSIBLE PARTY (PRP):** Bowhead Transport Company LLC

**RESPONSE ACTION:** A Unified Command consisting of representatives from Pioneer Natural Resources, Bowhead Transport, Ukpeagvik Inupiat Corporation (UIC), US Coast Guard, ADEC and the North Slope Borough continue to meet and coordinate the incident response. Command was transferred from Pioneer Natural Resources to UIC, maintaining Alaska Clean Seas (ACS) spill response technicians, technical staff, and spill response resources. Responders placed containment and absorbent boom around the vessel. Marine response vessels remain on-scene with skimmers to recover any fuel product that may be released. The boom consists of two layers, an ocean curtain boom and an absorbent boom. Response vessels were deployed to recover the sheen found outside of the containment boom. Responders are acting on any sheen inside the containment boom by applying more absorbent booms.

Global Diving and Salvage Inc. crews are in route to evaluate the structural integrity of the vessel. Information obtained from the salvage crew will be delivered to a naval architect. The lightering plan will be finalized after the marine survey and naval architect review.

The vessel remains grounded in approximately nine feet of water in soft sediments, and stability conditions remain unchanged.

**SOURCE CONTROL:** The fuel tank valves have been sealed.

**RESOURCES AFFECTED:** Beaufort Sea, between Oooguruk Island and Oliktok Point. Waterfowl and seals were spotted in the area and are being monitored with marine vessels. A wildlife hazing permit was issued by ADF&G today, and waterfowl hazing operations were activated.

**FUTURE PLANS AND RECOMMENDATIONS:** Plans to lighter the fuel are being developed and are expected to be completed this afternoon. Unified Command will review the lightering plan. UIC, Bowhead Transport, Pioneer Natural Resources and ACS are deploying marine oil spill response resources prior to fuel lightering and

marine salvage efforts. Aerial surveillance for oil sheens, sheen recovery, and wildlife monitoring will continue. Two Crowley Marine Service tugs are on-scene to support the recovery, lightering, and salvage operations.

**WEATHER:** Today: Clear, winds variable from the east at 2-10 mph, wave conditions 3 feet, with temperatures around 40°F.

**UNIFIED COMMAND AND PERSONNEL:**

Incident Commander: George Snodgrass, UIC  
 F.O.S.C: Captain Jason Fosdick, USCG  
 S.O.S.C: John Ebel, ADEC  
 Field S.O.S.C: Wes Ghormley, ADEC

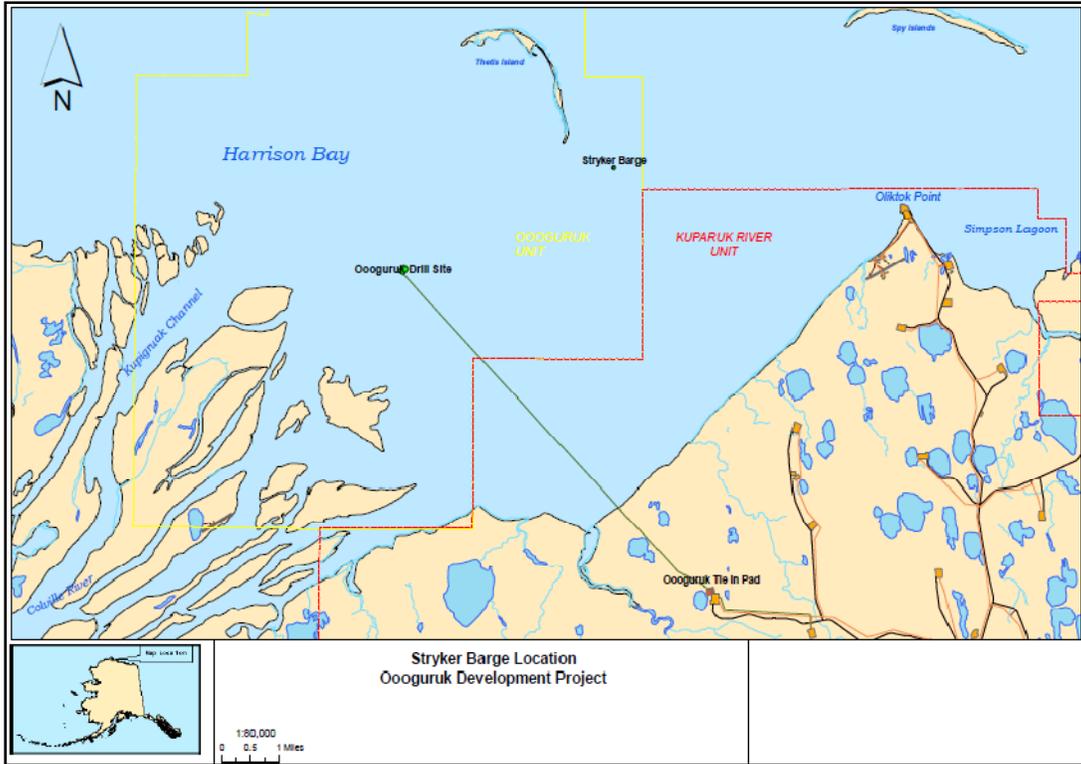
**FOR ADDITIONAL INFORMATION CONTACT:** John Ebel, ADEC, (907) 451-2102

Photographs and other spill information are available at: [www.state.ak.us/dec/spar/perp/index.htm](http://www.state.ak.us/dec/spar/perp/index.htm)

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Map of Location of "Stryker"



"Stryker" with Containment Boom