

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

SITUATION REPORT

INCIDENT NAME: F/V *Kimberly* Grounding

SITREP #: 3 and final

SPILL NUMBER: 12249902401

LEDGER CODE: Not Requested

TIME/DATE OF INCIDENT: 10:06 PM, January 24, 2012. At 5:03 AM on January 25, 2012, the Alaska Department of Environmental Conservation (ADEC) received notification from the United States Coast Guard (USCG) that the fishing vessel *Kimberly* had run aground on the west side of Shelikof Strait.

TIME/DATE OF SITUATION REPORT: 4:00 PM, February 14, 2012.

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

TYPE/AMOUNT OF PRODUCT SPILLED: Approximately 3,040 gallons of diesel, 590 gallons of hydraulic oil, 70 gallons of lubricating oil, and 25 gallons of antifreeze.

LOCATION: The F/V *Kimberly* is grounded in Jute Bay on the west side of Shelikof Strait. The vessel's position is approximately 57° 33'N, 155° 00'W.

CAUSE OF SPILL: The *Kimberly* was forced aground by winds gusting to 100 knots. The owner of the vessel reports that the *Kimberly* was not taking on water when the crew abandoned the vessel, however the vessel's tanks were breached while it remained grounded and the hazardous substances aboard the *Kimberly* were lost.

RESPONSIBLE PARTY (RP): Vessel owner Aloys Kopun.

RESPONSE ACTION: A January 27 inspection of the *Kimberly* by staff from Alaska Marine Surveyors Inc. and Magone Marine Services, Inc. found that the vessel's hull was extensively damaged but not breached. No overflights occurred between January 27 and February 2 due to weather and other USCG priorities.

The RP and his representatives submitted a draft salvage plan to the Unified Command for approval and worked with the Unified Command to refine and finalize the plan. The *Redeemer*, a Magone Marine Services, Inc. salvage vessel, transited from Dutch Harbor and arrived in the proximity of the *Kimberly* on February 2 to implement the salvage plan once the weather improved.

On February 3 the United States Fish and Wildlife Service was able to conduct an overflight that depicted that the *Kimberly* was still in the same proximity. The *Redeemer* was able to approach the grounding site on the afternoon of February 3 to evaluate the area, but high winds prevented any recovery efforts and forced them to seek sheltered waters to wait out the storms.

On February 6 the crew aboard the *Redeemer* reported that the *Kimberly* had moved approximately 100 yards to the west, that she was lying on her starboard side, and that there were numerous large holes in the vessel. The Unified Command obtained permission from the manager of the Becharof National Wildlife Refuge to establish a helicopter landing zone near the *Kimberly* to assist in the recovery efforts once the weather allowed.

On February 10 the RP's agents inspected the *Kimberly* and determined that there are no longer any recoverable quantities of oil or fluids left on the *Kimberly*.

SOURCE CONTROL: No source control was implemented due to weather conditions and sea state.

RESOURCES AFFECTED: The *Kimberly* was grounded on state tidelands adjacent to the Becharof National Wildlife Refuge when the hazardous substances were released. The RP's representatives reported that there is no sheen visible outside of the immediate vicinity of the vessel. The effects to the resources in this area are believed to be minimal due to the rocky shoreline, the high energy surf, and the storm events that are frequently encountered in this area. No oiled wildlife has been reported.

FUTURE PLANS AND RECOMMENDATIONS: The *Kimberly* will be periodically monitored for any position and condition changes. The RP will develop a plan to remove the *Kimberly* from state tidelands. The Alaska Department of Natural Resources will review the removal plan for consistency with state statutes. Salvage operations are expected to begin in May when weather in the region allows for the safe removal of the vessel.

WEATHER: Today – Southeast wind 15 knots, becoming northeast 30 knots in the afternoon; seas 4 feet; snow. Tonight – Northeast wind 40 knots; seas 8 feet; snow and rain.

UNIFIED COMMAND AND PERSONNEL:

Incident Commander: Aloys Kopun, Vessel Owner
FOSC: LT Matthew Zinn, USCG
SOSC: Steve Russell, ADEC

FOR ADDITIONAL INFORMATION CONTACT: Don Fritz, ADEC, (907) 262-3419

Photographs and other spill information are available for viewing at:

<http://www.state.ak.us/dec/spar/perp/index.htm>

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