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Executive Summary

The Seabulk Pride breakaway and grounding has focused attention on the oil spill risks posed by vessels transiting Cook Inlet, particularly vessels of 'high consequence' who carry petroleum or dangerous cargoes, or who carry large amounts of fuel oil.

Cook Inlet is a wide, long inlet with moderate to low levels of vessel traffic when compared to other large North America ports but which is vexed by:

- Sudden, severe weather,
- Strong tides, and
- Large ice pans aggressively moved by strong tides in the winter.

These environmental conditions have been contributing causes of significant or potentially catastrophic vessel casualties.

From January 1, 2005 through July 15, 2006, 704 deep draft vessels called at Cook Inlet ports. Twelve vessels managed among six operators accounted for 80% of this ship traffic. Nearly half (47%) of the port calls were made by container and Ro-Ro vessels operated by Horizon Lines and Totem Ocean Transport Express (TOTE), respectively, to the Port of Anchorage. Ferries operated by Alaska Marine Highway System (AMHS) represented 17% of the traffic. Twenty-nine (29%) of the vessels were gas or liquid petroleum tankships calling primarily at Nikiski. Thus, monitoring and cooperative partnerships with only a few operators and ships will promote safe shipping for the vast majority of high consequence carriers.

Tank ships calling at the Nikiski terminals and refineries transfer roughly 22 million barrels of crude and refined (non-persistent) oil each year and transfer about 4.8 million barrels of Cook Inlet crude oil from the Drift River Terminal to Nikiski each year.

About six million barrels of non-persistent fuel oil is moved into and through the Cook Inlet for domestic consumption each year on approximately 200 tug/barge voyages.

Gas carriers calling at Nikiski load over three million cubic meters of liquefied natural gas (LNG) and about 272,000 cubic meters of ammonia each year.

About 500 to 900 commercial fishing vessels operate in the five different fisheries predominantly from mid-May through mid-September throughout Cook Inlet. Fishing vessels typically have a fuel capacity of about 300 to 1,000 gallons and almost all carry non-persistent fuel.

There are 3 tugs resident in Cook Inlet that provide ship docking and escort. Approximately 150 tug voyages each year transit the area with fuel barges in tow. Other tugs manage the freight and gravel barge loads in the vicinity of the Port of Anchorage each year.

Two hundred and twenty five (225) casualties effecting vessel seaworthiness were reported in Cook Inlet from May 1, 1990 through August 1, 2006. Fiftynine (59) casualty records indicated vessel damage in excess of \$20,000. In eleven of the incidences, vessel damage exceeded \$250,000. Over the last twenty years, the most significant casualties have been the M/V Glacier Bay spill in 1987, the capsizing of the urea barge Oregon in 1997, the Container Ship Greatland cargo hold fire in 2003, and the breakaway of the tankship Seabulk Pride in 2006.

Between January 1, 1992 and August 30, 2006 there were 295 minor oil spills from vessels operating in Cook Inlet. During that same period, there were 333 spills reported from the 15 Cook Inlet oil production platforms. Given that major or significant spills are rare, analysis of spill records yields little information that would assist in major incident prevention and response planning.

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Purpose of this Report

Although ships are required to provide advance notice of arrival, we are not aware of succinct summaries of vessel traffic in Cook Inlet that would assist in developing risk assessments for contingency planning. The Cook Inlet Subarea Contingency Plan characterizes the water body, identifies sensitive areas, and develops response scenarios. It does not provide vessel traffic data.

The purpose of this project is to prepare a written narrative report and illustrative maps inventorying vessel traffic movements in Cook Inlet during 2005. The written report may be used as a reference document to support discussions regarding the environmental risks associated with vessel traffic in the area, as well as any discussions regarding mishap prevention initiatives.

Cook Inlet Profile

The Cook Inlet Subarea Contingency Plan¹ describes the water body as a large, elongated body of water oriented in a SW-NE direction in southcentral Alaska. It is approximately 150 miles long, and its width ranges from about 10 miles between the East and West Forelands, toward the north, to approximately 80 miles between the Kenai Peninsula and the mouth of the McNeil River in Kamishak Bay, toward the south. The inlet experiences the second largest tidal fluctuations in the world, frequently exceeding twenty feet, with tidal current velocities as fast as 8 knots. Tidal flats are a dominant coastal feature along Cook Inlet, although marshes, rocky shores, sand and gravel beaches, and wave-cut platforms are also quite common.

According to a publication produced by the US Army Corps of Engineers², "The ice cover in Cook Inlet is seasonal. By December about half the Inlet area north of the Forelands is normally covered with new ice and pancake ice (up to 10 cm thick) and thin, first-year ice (30-70 cm thick). The area south of the Forelands is normally still ice free in December...then the ice extent and thickness both increase through January and February, reaching maximums by mid-February and early March". The publication further

¹ Cook Inlet Subarea Contingency Plan for Oil and Hazardous Substance Spills and Releases, Change 1 (June 16, 2003). Portions available at: www.akrrt.org.

² Mulherin, N.D. Marine Ice Atlas for Cook Inlet (ATLAS), ACOE. 2001. Section 3.2, p. 13.

states, "During colder winters the cold may extend into the lower Inlet as far south as Anchor Point on the east side and Cape Douglas on the west side. The thickness of the ice varies between 0.5 and 2.0 meters."

As we conducted the research for this traffic study, reviewed the casualty records, and talked to marine pilots, agents and operators, a succinct description of the water body became quite clear:

"Cook Inlet is a wide, long inlet with moderate to low levels of vessel traffic when compared to other large North America ports, but is a water body vexed by:

- Sudden, severe weather,
- Strong tides, and
- Large ice pans aggressively moved by strong tides in the winter."

Vessels Trading in Cook Inlet

Cook Inlet supports a wide variety of vessel traffic ranging from the smallest fishing vessel to crude oil tankers. Refined products and crude oil are routinely shipped in and out of the Inlet. In addition, Liquefied Natural Gas (LNG) and ammonia carriers call at the Nikiski Industrial complex. Many crude oil development and production platforms operate in the area. Crude oil and natural gas pipeline crossings exist in Cook Inlet and Turnagain Arm in several locations.

There is only moderate fuel barge traffic through out the inlet since much of the refined oil needed for regional consumption is provided to Anchorage via a pipeline from the Tesoro refinery in Nikiski.

The Port of Anchorage (POA) is a 'classic' port in that it imports and exports a variety of goods and raw material in bulk and containers.

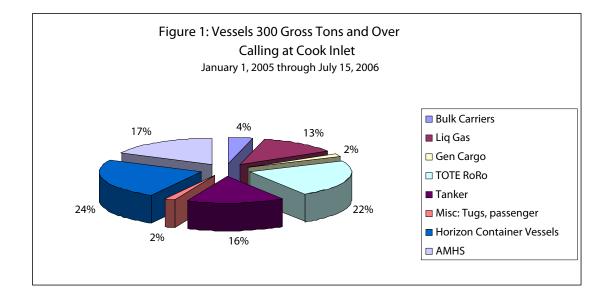
Overview of Coastwise and International Traffic

Based on US Coast Guard advance notice of arrival³ records and other local sources of information⁴, 704 large vessels⁵, other than fuel barges on domestic trade, called at Cook Inlet ports from January 1, 2005 through July 15, 2006. As can be seen in Figure 1, almost two-thirds (65%) of the calls were made by container vessels operated by Horizon Lines, roll-on,

³ Requiredby33CFR160,SubpartCforallvesselscarryingcertaindangerouscargoesandallvesselsat300grosstonsor greater traveling not carrying certain dangerous cargoes.

⁴ HorizonLines,TOTE,andAlaskaMarineHighwaySystemsailingschedules:<u>www.horizonlines.com,www.totemocean.com</u>, and <u>http://www.dot.state.ak.us/amhs/</u>

^{5 300} gross tons or more in size. This is the Coast Guard's break point for advance notice of arrival. Gross Tonnage refers to the volume of all ship's enclosed spaces measured to the outside of the hull framing. It was a measurement of the enclosed spaces within a ship expressed in "tons" – a unit which was actually equivalent to 100 cubic feet. The calculation of gross tonnage is complex but important given that fees, registration requirements and, as seen here, regulatory standards are based on gross tonnage.



roll-off (RoRo) cargo ships operated by Totem Ocean Trailer Express (TOTE), or ferries operated by Alaska Marine Highway System (AMHS). Twenty-nine percent (29%) of the vessel traffic totals were gas or liquid tankships calling primarily at Nikiski. Bulk carriers and general cargo ships represented 6%. Tugs, fishing and passenger vessels combined represented 2% of the Cook Inlet vessel traffic.

Averaging from these records, 486 ships of 300 gross tons or more call at Cook Inlet each year, or 8-10 ships per week. This estimate will likely decrease slightly in 2007 due to temporary closure of the Agrium facility in Nikiski. Large vessel traffic in Cook Inlet is moderate or low when compared to other North American west coast ports and waterways. For example, in 2005, the Port of Los Angeles had 2700 ship arrivals. In 2005, about 3100 deep draft vessels passed through Unimak Pass in the Aleutian Chain. However, as noted earlier, many of the North American waterways do not have the high percentages of oil and gas carriers. None have the harsh winter maritime conditions of Cook Inlet.

Common Carriers

Twelve vessels managed among six operators account for 80% of the deepdraft vessel⁶ traffic in Cook Inlet. See Table 1. Therefore a more detailed description of these operators and their ships is instructive. These vessels and their operations are described in subsequent sections of this report.

Coast Guard records indicate that these twelve ships or their owner/ operators accounted for only 9 of the 226 marine casualties and 295 spills reported between January 1, 1991 and July 15, 2006.

^{6 &#}x27;Deep-draft vessel' is a somewhat arbitrary but descriptive term used to distinguish ocean-going large ships from fuel barges and other vessels that are more than 300 gross tons but not considered ships. A deepdraft vessel generally has a draft greater than 4 meters.

Table 1: Vessels Frequently Trading in Cook Inlet (2005-2006). (From Coast Guard and ADEC Records)

| Name | Estimated Annual Calls | Calling at | Туре | Year Built | Length (Meters) | Gross Tons | Bunker or Cargo Capacity (Barrels) | Owner or Operator | IMO Number |
|-----------------------|------------------------------|-------------------------------------|-----------|---------------|--------------------|---------------|---|---------------------------------|---------------|
| Tustumena | 80 | Homer/ Seldovia | Ferry | 1973 | 81.8 | 2174 | 1598 | Alaska Marine Highway | 6421086 |
| North Star | 52 | Anchorage | Ro-Ro | 2003 | 258 | 35825 | 12589 | TOTE | 9232280 |
| Midnight Sun | 52 | Anchorage | Ro-Ro | 2003 | 258 | 35825 | 12589 | TOTE | 9232278 |
| Horizon Tacoma | 35 | Anchorage | Container | 1987 | 216.4 | 20965 | 21870 | Horizon Lines | 8419154 |
| Horizon Anchorage | 34 | Anchorage | Container | 1987 | 216.4 | 20965 | 21870 | Horizon Lines | 8419142 |
| Horizon Kodiak | 31 | Anchorage | Container | 1987 | 216.4 | 20965 | 21870 | Horizon Lines | 8419166 |
| Seabulk Arctic | 23 | Nikiski & Drift River/ Tesoro | Tankship | 1998 | 183 | 30415 | 342,042 | Lightship Tankers | 9131371 |
| Polar Eagle | 18 | Nikiski/ Conoco Phillips | Gas Ship | 1993 | 239 | 66174 | 22379 | Eagle Sun Company Limited | 9001772 |
| Arctic Sun | 18 | Nikiski/ Conoco Phillips | Gas Ship | 1993 | 239 | 66174 | 22340 | Eagle Sun Company Limited | 9001784 |
| Captain H. Downing | 16 | Nikiski & Drift River/ Tesoro | Tankship | | 207 | 24458 | 275,676 | AHL Shipping Co | 1046031 |
| Seabulk Pride | 15 | Nikiski & Drift River/ Tesoro | Tankship | 1998 | 183 | 30415 | 342,000 | Lightship Tankers | 9118630 |
| Horizon Fairbanks | 13 | Anchorage | Container | 1973 | 204 | 22033 | 26,690 | Horizon Lines | 7218462 |
| Combined Total | 387 18U% of fotal | | | | | | | | |
| All vessels | 486 | | | | | | | | |

| Facility | Est. Annual Calls | Vessel type | Purpose | Est. Average Cargo Transferred per Port Call | Units | Annual Cargo Transfer | Comments and Reference Source |
|-------------------------------------|---------------------------------------|---|---|--|------------------|--|---|
| Homer/ Seldovia | 83 | AMHS Ferry | Transport passengers and vehicles | 100 passengers, 20 vehicles | n/a | n/a | AMHS published schedule. |
| Homer, vessel anchorage | 25 | Primarily tank ships, (liquid and gas) | Await pilot and favorable mooring conditions at Nikiski and/or await Coast Guard inspection | n/a | n/a | n/a | Coast Guard ANOA |
| Port Graham | 5 | Fuel barge | Offload fuel for domestic consumption | 476 | barrels oil | 2,380 | Port Graham Corp |
| Seldovia | 6 | Fuel barge | Offload fuel for domestic consumption | 2381 | barrels oil | 14,286 | Plant operator, Seldovia Fuels |
| Homer | 24 | Fuel barge | Offload fuel for domestic consumption | 9524 | barrels oil | 228,576 | Plant operator, PetroMarine |
| Tyonek | 0 | Fuel barge | Offload fuel for domestic consumption (none in 2005) | 0 | barrels oil | 0 | Tyonek Village |
| Nikiski, Tesoro, KPL | 90 tankships, 40 tank barges | Petroleum tank ship and tank barge | See footnote 1. | 250,000 per tank ship. 84,000 per barge. See footnote 1. | barrels oil | 22,500,000 tank ships 3,360,000 tank barges | Coast Guard ANOA, Tesoro |
| Drift River Terminal | 24 or less | Tank ship | Load crude for off load at Tesoro Nikiski | 200,000 but varies considerably | barrels oil | 4,800,000 or less | Cook Inlet Pipeline |
| Nikiski, Conoco Phillips | 36 | LNG gas ship | Load liquefied natural gas (LNG) | 88,150 | cubic meters | 3,173,400 | Coast Guard ANOA |
| Nikiski, Agrium | 20 | Bulk urea freight ship | Load urea | 25,000 | metric tonnes | 500,000 | Agrium. Note: Port calls in 2006 were only 60% of 2005 levels. Port calls will be reduced further in 2007. |
| Nikiski, Agrium | 8 | Gas ammonia carrier tank ship | Load ammonia | 23,500 | metric tonnes | 188,000 | Agrium. Note: Port calls in 2006 were only 60% of 2005 levels. Port calls will be reduced further in 2007. |
| Port of Anchorage, POL#1 & #2 | 4 | Tank ship | Off-load refined oil for supply to local markets and military | 300,000 | barrels oil | 1,200,000 | Port of Anchorage Master Plan |
| Port of Anchorage, POL#1 & #2 | 60 | Tank barge | Load fuel off railcars from North Star refinery (Williams Alaska Petroleum (formerly MAPCO) KPL load and off load | 28,000 | barrels oil | 1,680,000 | Port of Anchorage Master Plan |

 Table 2: Annual Vessel Calls at Cook Inlet Facilities and Marine Terminals.

Table footnote 1: Tank vessels calling at KPL load and off load a range of cargo: off-loading crude oil from Valdez and Drift River, off-loading light oil from other West Coast refineries, and loading refined product from the Tesoro refinery for export. Total barrels transferred is only a rough estimate based on number of dockings.

| Facility | Est. Annual Calls | Vessel type | Purpose | Est. Average Cargo Transferred per Port Call | Units | Annual Cargo Transfer | Comments and Reference Source |
|-------------------------------------|--------------------------------------|---|--|---|---|-----------------------------|---|
| Port of Anchorage, Terminal 2 | 113 | Container Ship (Horizon Lines) | Off-load, load freight containers | | Twenty- foot Equivalent Unit (TEU) | | Port of Anchorage Master Plan, Horizon Lines website |
| Port of Anchorage, Terminal 3 | 104 | Ro-Ro Freight Ship (TOTE) | Off-load, load freight containers and vehicles | | | | Port of Anchorage Master Plan, TOTE Lines website |
| Port of Anchorage, Terminal 3 | 2 | Passenger | Passenger operations | n/a | | | Port of Anchorage Master Plan |
| Port of Anchorage, POL #1 | 4 ships/4 barges | bulk carriers | Unload dry cement | 15,357 | tons | 122,855 | Port of Anchorage Master Plan, Alaska Maritime Agencies |
| Anchorage, North Star Dock | 24 | Primarily freight barges | Transfer containers, break bulk, oil field equipment. | n/a | | | Port of Anchorage Master Plan |
| Anchorage, Northland Marine | 20 | Container barges | Off-load containers | 270 | Twenty- foot Equivalent Unit (TEU) | 5,400 | Port of Anchorage Master Plan |
| Anchorage, Minch Dock | 480 (varies consider- ably) | Gravel barges, one salt barge | Import gravel | | | | Gravel barged in from a site near Knik Arm. Port of Anchorage Master Plan |
| Port McKenzie | 1 | Ship: Bulk carrier | Load wood chips | | | | Alaska Maritime Agencies |

Totem Ocean Trailer Express (TOTE) and Horizon Line Vessels calling at Anchorage

Given that 56% of the deep-draft vessel traffic calling at Cook Inlet is operated by two shipping lines, a more detailed description of these operators is instructive. According to their website⁷ TOTE's new Orca Class roll-on, roll-off (RoRo) vessels entered Alaska service in 2003 replacing three older, 'Ponce-class' vessels. Each of the new vessels, and M. V. North Star, call at the Port of Anchorage once a week. They have the capacity to carry over 600 containers (40-foot equivalent) and 220 vehicles. These RoRo ships differ from container cargo vessels in that freight is not lifted by crane but driven by tractor-trailer on to the ship using a flat bed or van. Vehicles for shipment are also driven on board. Each vessel makes continuous round trips between the ports of Tacoma, Washington and Anchorage, covering the 1450 nautical miles between ports in about 66 hours, one way. In Anchorage, the vessels take ten hours to off-load and load.

One vessel casualty (loss of electric power) in Cook Inlet was reported to the Coast Guard by the M/V Midnight Sun in May 2003. No pollution incidents have been reported by either vessel.

^{7 &}lt;u>www.totemocean.com</u>

| Principal Characteristics | TOTE M/V's Midnight Sun and North Star |
|------------------------------|--|
| Overall Length | 839' - 0'' |
| Beam | 118' - 0" |
| Speed at 90% MCR | 24 knots |
| Trailer Capacity | 600 FEU (Forty-foot equivalent unit container) |
| Auto Capacity | 220 |
| Internal Ramps | 13 |
| Propulsion Plant | diesel-electric |
| Bunker Capacity | 12589 bbls, 528,738 gallons, 1900 tonnes* IFO 180 (persistent fuel oil) |

* Assuming 6.60 barrels equals one metric ton of IFO 180.



TOTE's MV North Star (left) and MV Midnight Sun (right) Photos by Neil Rabinowitz - www.neilrabinowitz.com

Horizon Line LLC operates four container vessels between Alaska and Tacoma, Washington that service not only Port of Anchorage but Kodiak and Dutch Harbor. See Figure 6. The transit time from Tacoma to Anchorage takes about 80 hours. The vessels are moored at Port of Anchorage for about 22 hours off-loading and loading freight. Three spills in Cook Inlet from Horizon Line vessels have been reported to the Coast Guard since 1992. Two groundings, one allision, and one loss of maneuverability casualty have been reported during the same period. The spills and casualties were classified as 'not serious⁸'.

⁸ The Coast Guard groups casualty and vessel spill reports into three categories: Major marine casualty (loss of six or more lives, loss of vessel larger than 100 gross tons, or serious threat to the environment), significant marine casualty (multiple loss of life, loss of Coast Guard inspected vessel, accident of high media interest, or creating a hazard to life, property or marine environment), serious marine casualty (an International Maritime Organization definition where there is a loss or a large vessel or loss of life on a large vessel).

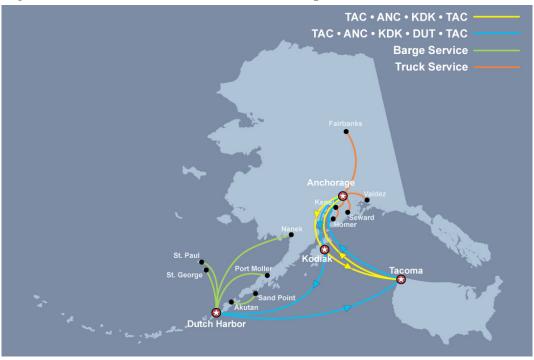
| Principal Characteristics | Horizon Line M/V's Horizon Tacoma, Horizon Kodiak, Horizon Anchorage |
|------------------------------|--|
| Built | 1987 |
| Overall Length | 709.79 feet |
| Beam | 70.06 feet |
| Gross Tons | 20,965 |
| Service Speed | 20 knots |
| Trailer Capacity | 1668 TEU (Twenty-foot equivalent unit container) |
| Propulsion Plant | diesel-electric |
| Bunker Capacity | 21,870 bbls, 918,540 gallons, 3315 tonnes [*] IFO 180 (persistent fuel oil) |

* Assuming 6.60 barrels equals one metric ton of IFO 180.

| Principal Characteristics | Horizon Line M/V Fairbanks |
|------------------------------|---|
| Built | 1973 |
| Overall Length | 669.12 feet |
| Beam | 89.87 feet |
| Gross Tons | 22,033 |
| Service Speed | 22 knots |
| Trailer Capacity | 1412 TEU (Twenty-foot equivalent unit container) |
| Propulsion Plant | diesel-electric |
| Bunker Capacity | 26,690 bbls, 1,121,000 gallons, 4044 tonnes,* IFO 180 (persistent fuel oil) |

* Assuming 6.60 barrels equals one metric ton of IFO 180.





Alaska Marine Highway System

Alaska Marine Highway System (AMHS) operates the ro-ro ferry Tustumena year round between Homer, Seldovia and Kodiak. The M/V Kennicott

makes a few 'fill-in' runs for the Tustumena throughout the year. Published schedules for 2007 show that the Tustumena or Kennicott will make on average of 14 to 19 calls per month at Seldovia and Homer from March through December and 5 to 7 calls each month in January and February.



Since 1992, the Coast Guard has recorded

two casualties on the Tustumena; an allision with damage estimated at \$20,000 and a loss of maneuverability without damage or accident. There have been no reports of pollution from the Tustumena. The Kennicott has not reported either a casualty or oil spill while operating in Cook Inlet.

| Principal Characteristics | AMHS M/V Tustumena | AMHS M/V Kennicott |
|------------------------------|---|---|
| Built | 1973 | 1998 |
| Overall Length | 268.30 feet | 347.02 feet |
| Beam | 59.70 feet | 85.61 feet |
| Gross Tons | 2174 | 9978 |
| Average Load | 60-220 passengers, 37 crew members, 20-46 vehicles | 60-499 passengers, 56 crew members, 20-200 vehicles |
| Propulsion Plant | diesel-electric | diesel-electric |
| Bunker Capacity | 1,598 bbls, 67,116 gallons diesel | 5,030 bbls, 211,260 gallons diesel |

Overview of Cook Inlet Facilities and Terminals

Cook Inlet has a few marine facilities and terminals. Vessel calls at those facilities are summarized in Table 2. This table provides the most succinct portrait of all vessel activity other than fishing in Cook Inlet. Each port facility or terminal will be described in subsequent sections of this report.

Deep Draft Traffic at Homer

All vessels calling at Nikiski industrial facilities dock during a flood tide.⁹ Therefore, often vessels will anchor in Kachemak Bay in a position roughly 1 nautical mile north-northeast of Coal Point on Homer Spit and Coal Point (59° 36.6' N, 151° 24.0' W) to await necessary mooring conditions at Nikiski which is 80 nautical miles to the north. During the ice season and on the occasion of a vessel's first transit, the vessel will anchor for US Coast Guard inspection before continuing north.

⁹ As agreed between the ship operators and the Alaska marine pilots.

Nikiski Industrial Terminals

The industrial terminals at Nikiski (60° 40.5' N, 151° 23.7' W) are located roughly midway between Homer and Anchorage, on the east side of Cook Inlet, and 2.3 nautical miles south of the geographically prominent East Forelands. Three moorages side-by-side extend for one nautical mile north-northwest with the Agrium wharf to the south, the Kenai Pipeline pier at the north and the Conoco Phillips pier between them.

Agrium, Nikiski

Gas ships call at Agrium Agricultural Products Plant to load anhydrous ammonia. Bulk carriers call to load urea. These vessels are spot chartered. Because of difficulties in obtaining a competitive cost source of natural gas, the Agrium facility output has been uneven in past years. In 2005, the facility loaded ammonia to 14 gas ships and urea to 34 bulk carrier ships. In 2006 through November, only 28 vessels called at the facility (8 ammonia gas ships and 20 urea bulk carrier ships). The facility intends to shutdown between mid-November 2006 and March 2007. Vessel traffic for 2007 is expected to be at about the 2006 levels.

Conoco Phillips Gas Plant, Nikiski

Two Liberian flagged LNG carriers, MV's Polar Eagle and Arctic Sun, currently make regular runs between Nikiski and Japan; 9 days transit one-way, eighteen (18) annual round trips each. Voyage schedules are consistent and the ships seldom need to wait in Kachemak Bay for favorable tides at Nikiski.

| Principal Characteristics | M/V's Polar Eagle and Arctic Sun |
|---------------------------|---|
| Туре | Gas carrier tank ships |
| Overall Length | 783.92 feet |
| Gross Tons | 66174 |
| Tank Capacity | 88200 cubic meters liquefied gas |
| Bunker Capacity | 22380 bbls, 940,000 gallons, 3390 tonnes* |

* Assuming 6.60 barrels equals one metric ton of IFO 180.

Kenai Pipeline, Nikiski

Three US flag tank ships, MV's Seabulk Pride, Seabulk Arctic, and Captain H. Downing, service Tesoro's Kenai Pipeline terminal in Nikiski and transfer crude oil from the Drift River terminal to Nikiski.¹⁰ Typically, a vessel from this group calling at Nikiski will anchorage in Kachemak Bay if necessary for favorable tides at Nikiski, then travel to Kenai Pipeline terminal to discharge light oil stock. After discharge, the

¹⁰ Recently, since the data was collected for this study, the M/V Seabulk Mariner has been added to the Seabulk fleet calling at the Kenai Pipeline and Drift River terminals. However, the average number of overall port calls has remained the same.

vessels may make one or more round trips between the facility and the Drift River terminal¹¹ 23 nautical miles west-southwest of Nikiski on the west shore of Cook Inlet. In the winter, the cross-inlet route will take the tankships south of Kalgin Island. In the summer months, transit between Drift River and Nikiski is north of Kalgin Island. See Figure 5. Occasionally, these vessels will make runs to Valdez and back. The Drift River terminal supplies crude oil collected from the various Cook Inlet oil production platforms. See Figure 5 and Table 3 for the location of the various production platforms. The tank ships will moor at Drift River terminal for 12-18 hours while loading crude oil, then transport the oil back to the Kenai Pipeline terminal where the oil is offloaded and refined. These vessels will moor at Kenai Pipeline terminal for 12 hours to several days, depending on whether tanks need cleaning. Other foreign flag tank ships load refined product and occasionally crude oil at the Nikiski Tesoro terminal (Kenai Pipeline) on spot charter. Based on trends seen in the study period (January 1, 2005 through July 15, 2006), 18 to 20 foreign tank ships per year call at KPL Nikiski on spot charter.

Port of Anchorage

The Port of Anchorage (POA) maintains five docks that accommodate barges and ships of all types. According to the POA master plan¹², the port managed in 2004 the loading or off-loading of:

- 8,779,913 barrels of refined petroleum,
- 148,284 vehicles,
- 217,532 containers, and
- 122,855 tons of dry cement.

As seen in Table 1 and in the section on common carriers, TOTE and Horizon Lines are the primary users of POA. Fuel barges loaded for domestic supply to lower Cook Inlet and western Alaska are common in the non-ice months (about 60 barge loadings, annually). The port receives on average 4 tank ship calls to off-load refined product for local



Figure 4: Dry cement loaded on the Hong Kong registered bulk carrier M/V Captain Correlli in 2006. (US Coast Guard photo)

consumption, including military facilities. Dry cement is loaded on to a bulk carrier (usually the M/V Captain Correlli, Figure 4) four times a year, on average. Passenger vessels are infrequent. There are no current plans for cruise ships to call at Anchorage.

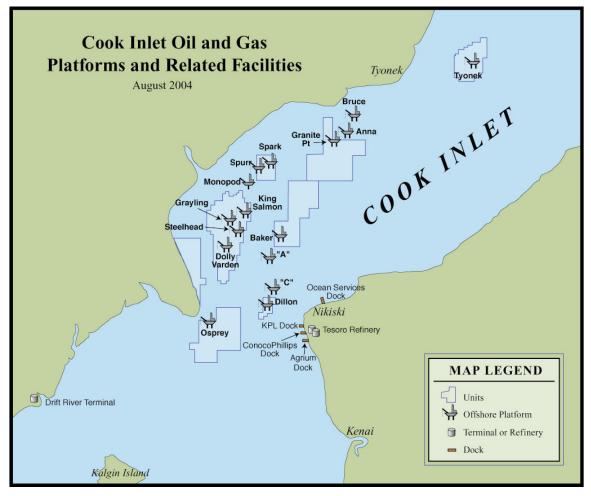
¹¹ The Drift River terminal is sometimes referred to as the Christy Lee platform.

¹² Port of Anchorage Master Plan (rev 2005) <u>http://www.muni.org/port/expansion.cfm</u>

Domestic Fuel Barge Traffic

Compared to other water bodies of similar size and area, fuel barge traffic throughout Cook Inlet is light to moderate. The Tesoro refinery at Nikiski provides much of the fuel for Anchorage, including the international airport, by pipeline. About 6 million barrels of non-persistent fuel oil is moved into and through the Cook Inlet for domestic consumption each year on approximately 200 tug/barge voyages. Nearly half of the fuel transported and 40 or more of the tug/barge voyages originate from the KPL Tesoro refinery in Nikiski. A summary of activity can be seen in Table 2. Typically, the type barge employed is double hulled with a capacity ranging from 30,000 to 148,000 barrels. A barge will be moved by a single tug of 1500-2500 horsepower operated by Seacoast Towing or Crowley Marine to supply Port Graham, Seldovia, Homer, and western Alaska.

Figure 5. Cook Inlet Oil and Gas Platforms and Related Facilities.



| PLATFORM | DATE INSTALLED | LEASE NUMBER | UNIT LOCATION | ORIGINAL OPERATOR | CURRENT OWNER(S) | CURRENT OPERATOR |
|-------------------------------------|-------------------|-----------------|---------------------------------|-----------------------|-----------------------|---------------------|
| XTO A | 1964 | 18754 | Outside Unit Boundary | Shell | XTO Energy | XTO Energy |
| Baker (Operations suspended*) | 1965 | 17595 | North Middle Ground Shoal | Amoco | Unocal Forest Oil | Unocal |
| Granite Point | 1966 | 18761 | South Granite Point | Mobil | Exxon Mobil Unocal | Unocal |
| Monopod | 1966 | 18731 | Outside Unit Boundary | Unocal | Marathon Unocal | Unocal |
| Anna | 1966 | 18742 | Outside Unit Boundary | Amoco | Unocal | Unocal |
| Bruce | 1966 | 18742 | Outside Unit Boundary | Amoco | Unocal | Unocal |
| Dillon (Operations suspended) | 1966 | 18746 | South Middle Ground Shoal | Amoco | Unocal | Unocal |
| XTO C | 1967 | 18756 | Outside Unit Boundary | Shell | XTO Energy | XTO Energy |
| King Salmon | 1967 | 18772 | Trading Bay | Arco | Marathon Unocal | Unocal |
| Grayling | 1967 | 17594 | Trading Bay | Unocal | Marathon Unocal | Unocal |
| Dolly Varden | 1967 | 18729 | Trading Bay | Unocal | Marathon Unocal | Unocal |
| Tyonek | 1968 | 17589 | North Cook Inlet | Phillips Petroleum | Conoco Phillips | Conoco Phillips |
| Spurr (Operations suspended) | 1968 | 17597 | North Trading Bay | Τεχαςο | Marathon Unocal | Marathon |
| Spark (Operations suspended) | 1968 | 17597 | North Trading Bay | Техасо | Marathon Unocal | Marathon |
| Steelhead | 1986 | 18730 | Trading Bay | Arco | Marathon Unocal | Unocal |
| Osprey | 2000 | 381203 | Redoubt | Forest Oil | Forest Oil | Forest Oil |

| Table 3. | Platform | installation | date, | location, | owners. |
|----------|----------|--------------|-------|-----------|---------|
|----------|----------|--------------|-------|-----------|---------|

inactive-save for gas and disposal wells-but have not been plugged.

Cook Inlet Commercial Fishery Vessel Traffic

Alaska Department of Fish and Game (ADFG) fishery salmon/groundfish data was cross-referenced with the Commercial Fisheries Entry Commission (CFEC) vessel database to develop Table 5. The data set includes statewater groundfish registrations, Lower Cook Inlet salmon seine fleet and Upper Cook Inlet salmon drift gill net fleet. There are some limitations in using this data to determine the number of commercial fishing vessels operating in Cook Inlet. The state-waters registration list does not indicate

whether a vessel was actively fishing in Cook Inlet. Not all CFEC database information was complete. Therefore, median/average calculations use the number of vessels reporting this information and are not necessarily a reflection of the total number of vessels in each size class. However, we can draw some general conclusions from this data. As indicated by Table 5, 86% of 570 vessels included in the ADFG records are between 31 feet and 50 feet and predominantly carry diesel as a fuel source. The leading vessel size class (31'-40') has a median fuel capacity of 355 gallons.

| Vessel Length | Number of Vessels | Number of Diesel | Number of Gas | Median Fuel Capacity (gallons) | Average Gross Tonnage |
|------------------|----------------------|---------------------|------------------|--------------------------------------|-----------------------------|
| > 20 | 1 | 0 | 1 | 30 | 0 |
| 21 - 30 | 66 | 32 | 34 | 250 | 10 |
| 31 - 40 | 401 | 304 | 94 | 355 | 15 |
| 41 - 50 | 82 | 82 | 0 | 1,000 | 28 |
| 51 - 60 | 7 | 7 | 0 | 1,200 | 51 |
| 61 - 70 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 |
| 71 - 80 | 1 | 1 | 0 | 1,000 | 131 |
| 81 - 90 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 |
| 91 - 100 | 1 | 1 | 0 | 18,000 | 210 |
| 100 < | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 |

Table 5: Commercial vessels registered for Cook Inlet ADFG salmon/groundfishfishery.

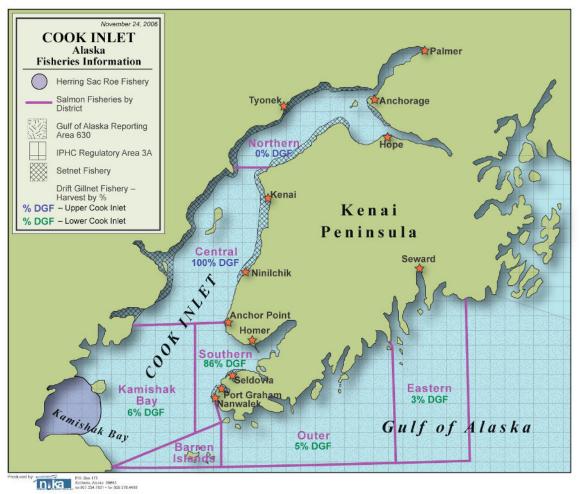
Appendices B1 and B2 are the results of a CFEC vessel database query for 2005 Kenai Peninsula vessel license applications, categorized by vessel owner home address. Vessels participating in any portion of commercial fishing operations, with the exception of set net skiffs and vessels used in certain areas outside of the Cook Inlet, are required to register for a vessel license. However, these vessels may not necessarily participate in Kenai Peninsula or Cook Inlet fisheries. Nor do the tables reflect specific vessel traffic for the Cook Inlet, but rather give an overview of vessel owners registered on the Kenai Peninsula and what percentage of the 990 registered vessels are diesel or gasoline powered commercial fishing vessels. As can be seen in Appendices B1 and B2, the average fuel capacity for all commercial fishing vessels is 692 gallons with roughly 60% of the vessels burning diesel fuel and 40% powered by gasoline. In Appendix B2 the median length of the registered vessel is 32.0 feet with a positive skew of 1.7, meaning most vessels registered are greater than 32.0 feet in length. The average fuel tank capacity is 692.1 gallons.

Upper Cook Inlet has two management districts, Northern and Central. Drift gill net fishing occurs only in the Central district. The Lower Cook Inlet management area has four management districts with the Southern district accounting for 85% of drift gill salmon harvest (see Figure 6). ADFG 2005 landing data shows 479 vessels landed salmon in Upper Cook Inlet. For the Lower Cook Inlet, 187 vessels landed groundfish and 37 vessels landed salmon in the seine fishery.

In Appendix C, 2005 fishery dates collected from managing agency publications show a monthly overview of fishing activity by openings/ closures for the Cook Inlet. Based on the Appendix C, the most commercial fishing vessel traffic for Cook Inlet occurs mid-May through mid-September, with year-round Pacific cod effort.

Safe navigation can be compromised when fishing vessels set their nets in areas where deep draft vessels are restricted in their ability to maneuver. However, marine pilots report that this is rarely a problem. When it is the most likely location is the approach to Nikiski during drift gill net fishery openings. See Figure 6. We are not aware of any casualties involving a commercial fishing vessel and a large tank ship or freight carrier.

Figure 6. Cook Inlet, Alaska Fisheries Information.



General Conclusions Regarding Commercial Fishing Vessel Traffic

Given the limitations in the data, it is difficult to make precise statements regarding commercial fishing vessel activity. However, if a commercial

fishing vessel were to be involved in a casualty (collision, sinking, or grounding) it would likely:

- Have on board 300-1000 gallons of diesel fuel,
- Occur in mid Cook Inlet during late spring or summer,
- Be between 30 and 40 feet in length, and
- Be constructed of fiberglass or aluminum.

Tugs

As mentioned earlier, tug traffic is relatively light. Tugs made approximately 150 fuel barge transits a year, assist in docking and undocking ships in Nikiski and Anchorage, and move miscellaneous deck and gravel barges in and out of the Port of Anchorage. The most capable vessel is the



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tractor tug Stellar Wind, operated by Cook Inlet Tug and Barge and moored in Anchorage. This vessel is employed whenever a tankship of 90,000 deadweight tons (DWT) or more calls at Nikiski or Anchorage. Coast Guard records indicate that fourteen (14) tankers of this size moored at Cook Inlet facilities over a 18 month period. See Table 6. Marine pilots report that they use docking tugs only about 5% of the time at the Nikiski terminals.

57148

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57017

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reported

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| 2005 to 15 July 2006. | | | | | | | | | |
|-----------------------|----------------|--------------------------------|---------------|--------|---------------|--------------------|-------|-------------------|------------------|
| Ship Name | Ship Number | Cook Inlet Port Calls | Ship Registry | Туре | Gross Tons | Deadweight Tons | Cargo | Cargo Capacity | Length (Feet) |
| Sanko Quality | 9066174 | 2 | LIBERIA | Tanker | 52498 | 95628 | Oil | 110323 | 810 |
| RATNA URVI | 8813568 | 3 | INDIA | Tanker | 54980 | 96088 | Oil | 108358 | 795 |
| Palmstar Lotus | 9002506 | 1 | BAHAMAS | Tanker | 57450 | 100314 | Oil | 118528 | 803 |

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Table 6. Ships in Excess of 90,000 Deadweight Tons Calling at Cook Inlet from January 1,2005 to 15 July 2006.

Source: US Coast Guard Advance Notice of Arrival records, US Coast Guard Port State Information Exchange, and Lloyd's Registry.

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CAPE AVILA

ANGELICA

KELANA DUA ALASKAN

SCHULTE BUNGA

FRONTIER

9167033

9296822

9131125

9244659

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CYPRUS

LIBERIA

MALAYSIA

UNITED STATES

The USCG at Sector Anchorage maintains a list of companies capable of providing marine towing resources. See pages B-119 and B-155, Part Two, of the Cook Inlet Sub-area Contingency Plan.

The following area companies provide tugs and towing services. Tugs listed here may not be available or out of the area on any given date.

| Company | Location | Tug Name and Horsepower |
|---------------------------------|-----------|---|
| Cook Inlet Marine | Homer | Various |
| Cook Inlet Tug & Barge | Anchorage | Tractor Tug Stellar Wind (3000 hp) Tug Pacific Bay (1800 hp) |
| SeaCoast Towing Marine Services | Anchorage | Various tugs for towing fuel barges |
| Hooper Bay | Anchorage | Tug Hooper Bay (1800 hp) |

Casualties in Cook Inlet

We examined Coast Guard incident investigations from May 1, 1990 through August 1, 2006. These records included vessel casualties and reports of pollution from vessels, facilities and offshore platforms in Cook Inlet. See Figure 5 and Table 4 for a list and locations of the platforms.

A vessel casualty must be reported to the US Coast Guard if it occurs upon the navigable waters of the U.S., its territories or possessions; or whenever and wherever a casualty involves a U.S. vessel. Public vessels and recreational vessels are exempt from these reporting requirements.¹³ Casualties include: groundings; loss of main propulsion; primary steering or reduction in maneuverability; occurrences that reduce seaworthiness (fire, flooding, damage to or loss of fire extinguishing, lifesaving or bilge pumping systems); loss of life; injuries requiring professional medical treatment; vessel damage exceeding \$25,000; and spills of oil and hazardous material.

Typically, accidents, fatalities, injuries and other casualties are reported on Coast Guard standard form CG-2692 and entered into the Marine Information for Safety and Law Enforcement (MISLE). Approximately 13,300 accident and spill reports from U.S. vessels operating in or near Alaska territorial waters were entered into the Coast Guard MISLE database, between June 22, 1990 and August 1, 2006. The majority of these reports were for pollution or personnel injury. For this study, we focused only on casualties affecting the seaworthiness of the vessel. Casualties were grouped by first event. For example, if a vessel lost steering, resulting in grounding, flooding, and damage to the environment by oil spill, the

^{13 46} CFR 4.01-3.

casualty was classed as a loss of maneuverability. We excluded first-event spills and personnel casualties that did not effect the overall safe navigation of the vessel. Table 7 summarizes 225 of those casualties (3.7% of total Alaska reports), reported to have occurred in Cook Inlet.¹⁴ Appendix E lists each casualty by date, vessel name, vessel type (when reported), degree of monetary damage, and latitude/longitude.

Close-quarters or near-miss incidents are not required to be reported. Nearmiss reports are helpful in determining areas of risk.¹⁵ We have included an informal Coast Guard report of a near-miss incident in the 'Casualties of Interest' section of this report, although this event was not entered in the Coast Guard MISLE system.

Of the 225 casualties, nine (9) were reported to have caused subsequent damage to the environmental by oil pollution. We suspect that there were more incidents of secondary pollution than reported. For example, there were several reports of sinking or total loss due to fire. Invariably, small amounts of oil leak from vessels subject to these types of casualties. We assume, however, that if the spills were significant the Coast Guard investigators would have reported them.

For this study we separated, or in two cases combined, the accident reports into ten casualty groups:

- Allision (Collision with a fixed object: dock, pier, dolphin, etc)
- Capsize
- Collision
- Explosion
- Fire
- Flooding, sinking, or abandonment
- Grounding
- Loss of Maneuverability
- Material Failure (subsequent structural damage to hull or through-hull fittings)
- Set Adrift/Breakaway

Please note that these groupings do not necessarily depict root cause of the event. For exampling the 26 groundings reported were caused by bad navigation or seamanship, uncharted rocks (maybe), and equipment failure. In addition, loss of maneuverability is reported for incidents where the risk is small. For example, a vessel will report a radar off-line even though

¹⁴ To place this in perspective, about 47% of the casualty reports originated in Southeast Alaska, 8.0% in Dutch Harbor, 5.0% in Kodiak, and 10% in Prince William Sound. Nearly 25% of the casualty reports occurred on mainly fishing vessels operating in the Bering Sea, western Alaska or Gulf of Alaska. 15 The New Zealand Maritime Safety Agency recently released a report of ferry safety in Cook Strait where much use was made of near miss reports. See: <u>http://www.msa.govt.nz/publications/general/CookStraitReview.pdf</u>

two other radars are still functional. In other words, there are degrees of 'loss of maneuverability' that are not obvious within the summary of Coast Guard records displayed in Table 7. These notes also apply to the full list of casualties in Appendix E.

| Table 7: Cook Inlet Summary of Vessel Casualties | Reported to US Coast Guard |
|--|----------------------------|
| June 22, 1990 through August 1, 2006. | |

| Accident or Event | Total | Comments |
|-----------------------------------|-------|--|
| Allision | 27 | Includes one allision with oil production platform and one barge damaged by ice. |
| Capsize | 2 | |
| Collision | 20 | Includes two barge/tug collisions. |
| Explosion | 2 | One explosion resulted in subsequent fire, sinking and pollution. |
| Fire | 18 | Included cargo hold fire on container ship moored at Port of Anchorage. |
| Flooding, sinking | 40 | Includes four abandonments |
| Grounding | 26 | |
| Material Failure | 17 | |
| Set Adrift/Breakaway | 4 | Includes breakaway of Seabulk Pride in February 2006. |
| Loss of Vessel Maneuverability | 69 | Includes loss of electric power. |
| Total | 225 | |
| Total, Alaska waters | 5,922 | |

During the period of study, there were 59 casualties resulting in damage to a vessel in excess of \$20,000. In eleven of the incidences, vessel damage exceeded \$250,000. The most significant casualties were M/V Glacier Bay spill in 1987 (which is earlier than the records studied in this report), the capsizing of the barge Oregon in 1997, the Container Ship Greatland cargo hold fire in 2003, and the breakaway of the tankship Seabulk Pride in 2006.

Casualties of Interest¹⁶

- 1. Explosion and subsequent fire (on board the 113-ft supply vessel Alaska Constructor on November 2, 1988). The explosion ignited a tank truck containing 3,000 gallons of gasoline, thus multiplying the consequences of the casualty. Three lives were lost and the vessel was destroyed. Water pollution was minor.
- Potential for ammonia release (M/V EEKLO at Agrium Wharf on February 11, 2005): During loading ammonia, an able bodied seaman (AB) inadvertently slacked instead of tightened one of the bow mooring

¹⁶ Sources: (1) Conversation and follow-up e-mail with Lt Ken Phillips, Marine Safety Detachment supervisor Kenai. 1 Nov 2006, (2) Whitney, John. 2002. Cook Inlet, Alaska Oceanographic and Ice Conditions and NOAA's 18-Year Oil Spill Response History 1984-2001, and (3) ADEC records.

wires in heavy (5.7 kt) current and ice coverage. This caused the gas ship M/V EEKLO to move 3-12 feet aft, shifting the loading arm, and subsequently shutting down the loading process. The Coast Guard issued a requirement to secure loading when currents exceed 4kt on the flood.

- 3. Tow-Tug collision (SCT Barge 282 and tugboat Pacific Challenger near Homer March 22, 2006): The SCT Barge 282 was departing from Pioneer Dock in Homer under the Tugboat PACIFIC CHALLENGER. The tug and barge were about to round the spit in Kachemak Bay when the PACIFIC CHALLENGER rolled in a swell pushing the PACIFIC CHALLENGER into the starboard bow of the SCT Barge 282. At that time no damages were identified. The barge continued onto Port Graham where they discovered damage to the bow. This collision resulted in a fracture in the #1 starboard cargo tank in way of the deck edge. No spill observed. The product in tank #1 was offloaded at Port Graham.
- 4. Tow-Tug collision (towing vessel Paragon and Barge 344, underway in Cook Inlet, January 21, 2006): The Paragon was struck by the barge it was towing when an ice pan slowed the progress of the Paragon and allowed the barge to overtake it. Barge 344 struck the Paragon's stern causing a 4" wide by 18" long hole in the port forward void space of Barge 344.
- 5. Ship allision with dock (M/V PEONY at Agrium dock, October 18, 2005): Unexpected heavy weather set the ship into the pier causing structural damage to the pier initially estimated at less than \$100,000. A pilot was requested and arrived on board but was unable to move the ship due to low tide levels. Damage to the vessel is minimal on the port bow and does not affect seaworthiness. Allision was caused by unexpected extreme weather conditions and was ruled unavoidable by Coast Guard investigators.
- 6. Dragging anchor and near miss in Kachemak Bay (Informal report by the Coast Guard). Two Coast Guard marine safety personnel were on board the M/V STEWART ISLAND conducting an ice rules boarding when it began to drag anchor. The wind was 'blowing pretty hard'. The STEWART ISLAND came within 30-40 yards of colliding with the SEABULK PRIDE, which was anchored as well. Anchoring guidelines for Kachemak Bay were written as a result. See Appendix D.
- Container ship fire (M/V Greatland at the Port of Anchorage, May 19, 2002): Shortly after mooring at the Port of Anchorage, personnel on the container ship M/V Greatland discovered a fire in one of the cargo holds. Trained marine firefighters from the Anchorage Fire Department entered the compartment and found several school buses smoldering.

They extinguished the fire and there was no serious damage to the vessel. The fire was believed to have originated from a small fuel oil leak on one of the buses. This was the first serious marine fire at Port of Anchorage since the 1960's.

- 8. Freight Barge capsize (Crowley Barge OREGON, south Cook Inlet, January 25, 1997) . This barge suffered a breach (hole) amidships, took on water, and overturned. The entire load of 12,500 tons solid urea was lost.
- 9. Vessel collision with a moorage (M/V Chesapeake Trader and Christy Lee Dock, January 1, 1998). While coming along side, the Chesapeake Trader hit and damaged the catwalk of the moorage. Damage to the vessel was superficial, but the moorage catwalk needed to be replaced, costing \$425,000.
- 10. Freight ship breakaway (M/V OCEAN LAUREL, Nikiski, January 31, 1999). While moored at the pier during periods of heavy icing the vessel was struck by a large pan of ice, estimated to be ³/₄ mile in length. The vessel was sheared off the pier, parting 19 mooring lines, and struck the pier face, resulting in approximately \$40,000 in damage to the mooring structure and \$20,000 in damage to the vessel. The hull was indented in two locations above the waterline along the portside.
- 11. Tank barge breakaway (T/B ENERGIZER, Nikiski, January 19, 2000). The barge was moored to the Kenai Pipeline (KPL) dock when it was struck by a large pan of ice, parting mooring lines and the cargo transfer hose. Approximately 60 gallons of isomerate (an oil distillate used in blending gasoline) spilled into the water. The barge cargo pipe header and deck crane were damaged.
- 12. Freight ship breakaway (M/V TORM PACIFIC, Nikiski, January 20, 2000). The ship was moored portside to the Alaska Nitrogen Products Terminal (Agrium) when it was struck by a large pan of ice moving at approximately 5.3 knots. The vessel was sheared from the pier, parting 24 mooring lines, and struck the terminal's northern catwalk. The catwalk was destroyed and the ship sustained some damage above the waterline.
- 13. Tank ship breakaway (Seabulk Pride, Nikiski, February 2, 2006). This 601-foot double-hull oil cargo tanker, broke free of its moorings at Kenai Pipeline Dock, Nikiski. It drifted north until grounding about a half mile away along the bluff at the East Forelands. Initial investigations indicate that heavy ice and strong tidal currents were main factors in causing the breakaway. The vessel was re-floated without significant oil spillage. However, catastrophe was narrowly averted, given the numerous rocks and reefs in the vicinity.

Pollution from Vessels

Between January 1, 1992 and August 30, 2006 there were 295 oil spills reported to the Coast Guard from vessels operating in Cook Inlet. Of that total, 286 were spills not connected to a vessel casualty (grounding, collision, fire, or sinking). One hundred and twenty eight (128) spills (43% of the total) were small diesel or gasoline spills from fishing vessels and pleasure craft. All the spills were reported as "not serious". This means that the Coast Guard classified the spills as minor.¹⁷

During the same period there were 333 spills reported from the 15 Cook Inlet oil production platforms.

Between 1996 and 2002 ADEC reported 126 spills in Cook Inlet from vessels.¹⁸ All were minor. All spills combined only contributed 7415 gallons of the 500,359 gallons of oil spilled in the Cook Inlet sub-area during that period.

Most significant spills of the past 20 years have come from oil platforms or on-shore facilities. Vessel spills¹⁹ of interest include:

- On July 2, 1987 at 0334, the tank ship Glacier Bay grounded south of the mouth of the Kenai River while enroute Nikiski to offload North Slope crude oil. Hull damage resulted in a 130,000 gallon spill. The vessel reportedly ran aground on an uncharted rock. (Note: This incident is a pre-spills database era report.)
- Spill response vessel M/V Sun Tide collision with the jack-up drilling rig, Gilbert Rowe, on August 23, 1993. The collision ruptured a fuel oil tank on the Sun Tide, releasing 6000 gallons of diesel fuel.
- Five hundred gallon light oil spill during loading operations on the tank barge Annahootz at the Port of Anchorage on September 1, 1994.

As can be seen, significant oil spills from vessels are rare. Furthermore, ADEC and Coast Guard records of the minor spills over the last 14 years do not provide any particular insights that would assist prevention and response planning for major or high consequence vessel spills.

¹⁷ The US Coast Guard categorizes oil spills into these sizes: minor - less than 10,000 gallons; medium - 10,000 to 99,999 gallons; and major - 100,000 gallons or more.

¹⁸ ADEC. Statewide Summary of Oil and Hazardous Material Spill Data July 1, 1995 - June 30, 2002 (provisional report) See http://www.dec.state.ak.us/spar/perp/data.htm

¹⁹ Sources: (1) Whitney, John. 2002. Cook Inlet, Alaska Oceanographic and Ice Conditions and NOAA's 18year Oil Spill Response History 1984-2001, and (2) ADEC spills database. See http://www.dec.state.ak.us/ spar/perp/data.htm.

Summary and Recommendations

1. Risk is traditionally defined as:

Risk = Probability X Consequence

Twelve vessels make 80% of the large vessel port calls in Cook Inlet. These vessels have the greatest potential (probability) for a Cook Inlet marine casualty due simply to their time in the inlet. Of the twelve, five are gas or oil carriers where the consequence of environmental damage from a casualty is high. On the non-tank vessels, six vessels carry a 0.5 to 1.2 million gallons of persistent fuel oil. The remaining common carrier – AMHS ferry Tustumena – carries a much smaller quantity of diesel fuel oil but it's cargo (passengers) is of the highest value. Thus, continued or enhanced partnerships with and monitoring of the operators of these vessels will address the majority of the risk of significant or major vessel casualties and oil spills in Cook Inlet.

- 2. Risk analysis could be improved by requiring that near-miss incidents be reported.
- 3. Severe environmental conditions (high winds, ice, strong tide currents) coupled with human error in negotiating these conditions during vessel operations pose the most likely root cause of the next major vessel casualty and oil spill.
- 4. Cook Inlet is unique in that potentially the most serious casualties can occur while a vessel is moored. Ice and strong tides broke the tankship Seabulk Pride from its moorings in 2006. A serious ammonia spill was narrowly averted when a gas ship shifted at the Agrium dock while loading in 2005. A study of best mooring practices and monitoring of their effectiveness will be an important contribution to vessel traffic risk management in Cook Inlet.

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Appendices

Appendix A:

Ship Arrivals at Cook Inlet January 1, 2005 to July 15, 2006 (Compiled from US Coast Guard Advance Notice of Arrival and Lloyd's List).

| Ship Name | Ship Number | # Port Calls | Arrival Port | Ship Registry | Vessel Type | Gross Tons | Net Tons | Cargo | Cargo Capacity (Tonnes) | Bunkers (tonnes) | Length (meters) |
|------------------------|----------------|--------------------|------------------------|-------------------|----------------|---------------|-------------|-----------|-------------------------------|---------------------|--------------------|
| Alaska Rose | 610984 | 1 | Anchorage | UNITED STATES | Fishing | 197 | | | | | |
| ALASKAN FRONTIER | 9244659 | 1 | Anchorage | UNITED STATES | Tanker | 110693 | 193049 | Oil | | | |
| AMMON ACE | 9143049 | 1 | Kenai | PANAMA | Gen Cargo | 15354 | 24157 | Grain | | 10651 | 158 |
| ANDRE | 9123972 | 2 | Kenai | HONG KONG | Bulk Carrier | 17671 | 27836 | Grain | 38000 | 7844 | 177 |
| ANDROMAR | 9265885 | 1 | Homer/ Nikiski/Anch | CYPRUS | Tanker | 30000 | 46195 | Oil | 53500 | | |
| Angelica Schulte | 9296822 | 3 | Nikiski | LIBERIA | Tanker | 56153 | 106433 | Oil | 499000 | | 240 |
| ANTWERPEN | 9318321 | 1 | Kenai | HONG KONG | Liq Gas | 22901 | 26361 | Gas | 34500 | 11322 | 174 |
| ARCTIC SUN | 9001784 | 28 | Nikiski | LIBERIA | Liq Gas | 66174 | 48857 | Gas | 88200 | 22340 | 239 |
| AURORA ACE | 9149732 | 1 | Nikiski | PANAMA | Gen Cargo | 15355 | 23923 | Grain | 28000 | 10713 | 158 |
| BERGE HUGIN | 9237747 | 7 | Homer | NORWAY | Liq Gas | 22902 | 26616 | Gas | 35197 | 13062 | |
| BERLIAN EKUATOR | 9265548 | 5 | Kenai | PANAMA | Liq Gas | 22209 | 26776 | Gas | 35878 | 16847 | 165 |
| BRUGGE VENTURE | 9132789 | 4 | Kenai | HONG KONG | Liq Gas | 22352 | 26777 | Gas | 35418 | 13158 | 169 |
| BRUSSELS | 9142150 | 3 | Homer | BELGIUM | Liq Gas | 22323 | 26943 | Gas | 34745 | 14412 | 170 |
| BUNGA KELANA DUA | 9131125 | 1 | Nikiski | MALAYSIA | Tanker | 57017 | 106976 | Oil | 117972 | | 244 |
| Canmar Dynasty | 9062984 | 1 | Anchorage | UNITED KINGDOM | Container | 23540 | 30621 | TEU | 2070 | 23540 | 187 |
| CAPE AVILA | 9167033 | 3 | Nikiski | CYPRUS | Tanker | 57148 | 105337 | Oil | 117834 | | 244 |
| CAPE FLATTERY | 1111595 | 1 | Homer | UNITED STATES | Other | 495 | | | | 1635 | 178 |
| CAPE NELSON | 9218076 | 2 | Kenai | HONG KONG | Bulk Carrier | 17433 | 28456 | Grain | 37732 | 9493 | 170 |
| CAPE ORLANDO | 7909968 | 1 | Anchorage | UNITED STATES | Roro Cargo | 15632 | 20731 | TEU | 1050 | | 194 |
| CAPTAIN ADAMS | 9324710 | 1 | Kenai | BAHAMAS | Bulk Carrier | 16960 | 28398 | Grain | 37523 | 9512 | 169 |
| CAPTAIN CORELLI | 9237395 | 6 | Homer/ Anch/Kenai | HONG KONG | Bulk Carrier | 16963 | 28378 | Grain | 37523 | 9500 | 169 |
| CAPTAIN H A DOWNING | 5137767 | 25 | Nikiski | UNITED STATES | Tanker | 24458 | 39999 | Oil | 275676 | | 207 |
| CASTLE PEAK | 9180011 | 1 | Kenai | HONG KONG | Bulk Carrier | 16764 | 28545 | Grain | 37523 | 16764 | 169 |
| CHALLENGE PROSPECT | 9310692 | 1 | Anchorage | PANAMA | Tanker | 28823 | 48539 | Oil | 57298 | | 180 |
| CHEMBULK BARCELONA | 9278662 | 2 | Anchorage | PHILIPPINES | Tanker | 20088 | 32345 | Oil | 35468 | | 174 |
| CLIPPER ODYSSEY | 8800195 | 2 | Homer/ Anchorage | BAHAMAS | Passenger | 5218 | 938 | Passenger | | 2421 | 103 |
| COASTAL PILOT | 7307184 | 1 | | UNITED STATES | Fishing | 196 | | | | | |
| COLUMBIA RIVER | 9181508 | 1 | Kenai | HONG KONG | Bulk Carrier | 17429 | 28527 | Grain | 37695 | 8631 | 170 |
| COURCHEVILLE | 8804725 | 2 | Kenai | BELGIUM | Liq Gas | 19719 | 29171 | Gas | 28006 | 18079 | 167 |
| DISCOVERY STAR | 500072 | 1 | Homer | UNITED STATES | Fishing | 1432 | | | | | |
| EEKLO | 9102198 | 9 | Homer/ Kenai | BELGIUM | Liq Gas | 23519 | 29458 | Gas | 36770 | 15193 | 179 |
| ETERNAL CONFIDENCE | 9257199 | 1 | Kenai | PANAMA | Bulk Carrier | 17953 | 29905 | Grain | 40031 | 12122 | 171 |
| FILIA | 9127681 | 1 | Kenai | PANAMA | Gen Cargo | 18812 | 27908 | Grain | 36254 | 9659 | 169 |
| GLADIATOR | 7390911 | 1 | Nikiski | UNITED STATES | Tug | 199 | | | | | |
| GOLDEN HARVEST | 9172399 | 1 | Kenai | PANAMA | Bulk Carrier | 20947 | | | | 10199 | 559 |
| GREAT MORNING | 9282780 | 1 | Kenai | HONG KONG | Bulk Carrier | 17679 | 28710 | Grain | 39052 | 9178 | 177 |
| GUANG XING ZHOU | 9295062 | 1 | Nikiski | CHINA | Tanker | 43062 | 74066 | Oil | 82000 | | 229 |

| Ship Name | Ship Number | # Port Calls | Arrival Port | Ship Registry | Vessel Type | Gross Tons | Net Tons | Cargo | Cargo Capacity (Tonnes) | Bunkers (tonnes) | Length (meters) |
|----------------------|----------------|--------------------|-------------------------|-----------------------|----------------|---------------|-------------|-------------------------|-----------------------------------|---------------------|--------------------|
| HIGH CONSENSUS | 9296585 | 1 | Nikiski | PANAMA | Tanker | 28059 | 45896 | Oil | 52499 | | 180 |
| HIGH PEACE | 9288277 | 1 | Nikiski | SINGAPORE | Tanker | 28059 | 45888 | Oil | 53797 | | 180 |
| HORIZON ANCHORAGE | 8419142 | 52 | Anchorage | United States | Container | 20965 | 7854 | Containers | 1668 | | 216.4 |
| horizon Fairbanks | 7218462 | 20 | Anchorage | United States | Container | 22033 | 15357 | Containers | 1412 TEU | | 204 |
| HORIZON KODIAK | 8419166 | 47 | Anchorage | United States | Container | 20965 | 7854 | Containers | 1668 | | 216.4 |
| HORIZON TACOMA | 8419154 | 53 | Anchorage | United States | Container | 20965 | 7854 | Containers | 1668 | | 216.4 |
| JAG VAYU | 7413244 | 1 | Kenai | INDIA | Liq Gas | 21308 | 28400 | Gas | 70706 | 22763 | 191 |
| KEOYANG MAJESTY | 9131072 | 2 | Homer | PANAMA | Gen Cargo | 43181 | 48618 | Grain | 10800 | 23112 | 221 |
| laurel Island | 9322748 | 1 | Kenai | PANAMA | Bulk Carrier | 16980 | 28556 | Grain | 37528 | 8688 | 169 |
| MIDNIGHT SUN | | 80 | Anchorage | UNITED STATES | Roro Cargo | | | Containers | 600 FEU | | 258 |
| MOUNT TRAVERS | 9263772 | 1 | Kenai | HONG KONG | Bulk Carrier | 16978 | 28484 | Grain | 37523 | 8687 | 169 |
| NAVIGATOR | 562688 | 1 | Nikiski | UNITED STATES | Fishing | 148 | | | | | |
| NEW DIAMOND | 9117868 | 1 | Homer | KOREA, REPUBLIC OF | Bulk Carrier | 16498 | 27239 | Grain | 35387 | 10546 | 167 |
| NIN | 9211547 | 1 | Homer/ Kenai | MALTA | Bulk Carrier | 17928 | 28373 | Grain | 38473 | 13688 | 172 |
| NORTH STAR | | 80 | Anchorage | UNITED STATES | Roro Cargo | | | Containers | 600 FEU | | 258 |
| NORTHERN DAWN | 9275995 | 1 | Nikiski | PANAMA | Tanker | 28822 | 47994 | Oil | 352815 | | 180 |
| Oak Harbour | 9114610 | 3 | Kenai | HONG KONG | Gen Cargo | 17879 | 20760 | Grain | 38320 | 9996 | 171 |
| ocean lotus | 9312315 | 1 | Kenai | PANAMA | Gen Cargo | 16960 | 28432 | Grain | 37523 | 8687 | 169 |
| PACIFIC HONOR | 9267948 | 1 | Nikiski | PANAMA | Tanker | 28144 | 45800 | Oil | 337362 | | 180 |
| PACIFIC POLARIS | 9270737 | 1 | Nikiski | PANAMA | Tanker | 28799 | 47999 | Oil | 360468 | | 180 |
| PALMSTAR LOTUS | 9002506 | 1 | Nikiski | BAHAMAS | Tanker | 57450 | 100314 | Oil | 118528 | | 245 |
| PEONY | 9250323 | 1 | Kenai | PANAMA | Bulk Carrier | 17979 | 29756 | Grain | 40031 | 11972 | 171 |
| PITT ISLAND | 9146807 | 2 | Kenai | CHINA | Gen Cargo | 66174 | 28611 | Grain | 38320 | 9995 | 172 |
| POLAR EAGLE | 9001772 | 27 | Nikishka | LIBERIA | Liq Gas | 29188 | 48817 | Gas | 88100 | 22379 | 239 |
| PRO GIANT | 9257723 | 1 | Nikiski | PANAMA | Liq Gas | 14704 | 46732 | Gas | 52599 | | 183 |
| RAFFLES LIGHT | 9119074 | 1 | Kenai | HONG KONG | Bulk Carrier | 17979 | 24325 | Grain | 30716 | 15032 | 154 |
| RANUNCULUS | 9293868 | 1 | Nikiski | PANAMA | Bulk Carrier | 17879 | 29678 | Grain | 40031 | 11641 | 171 |
| RATNA URVI | 8813568 | 3 | Kenai | INDIA | Tanker | 54980 | 96088 | Oil | 108358 | | 242 |
| SANKO QUALITY | 9066174 | 2 | Homer | LIBERIA | Tanker | 52498 | 95628 | Oil | 110323 | | 247 |
| sea prince | 555271 | 2 | Homer | UNITED STATES | Tug | 198 | | | | | 38 |
| SEABULK ARCTIC | 9131371 | 35 | Drift River/ Nikiski | UNITED STATES | Tanker | 30415 | 46094 | Oil | 342042 | | 183 |
| SEABULK PRIDE | 9118630 | 23 | Drift River/ Nikiski | UNITED STATES | Tanker | 30415 | 46094 | Oil | 342000 | | 183 |
| SH GRACE | 9316957 | 1 | Nikiski | PANAMA | Bulk Carrier | 17944 | 29828 | Grain | 40031 | 11696 | 171 |
| shinyo Challenge | 9124146 | 1 | Kenai | HONG KONG | Gen Cargo | 18108 | 27940 | Grain | 36255 | 10291 | 169 |
| SIAM OCEAN | 9123934 | 1 | Homer | PANAMA | Bulk Carrier | 30153 | 33800 | Grain | 74152 | 9361 | 175 |
| SILVER BAY | 9159050 | 1 | Kenai | HONG KONG | Bulk Carrier | 15949 | 26516 | Grain | 35944 | 8422 | 170 |
| SILVER SHADOW | 9192167 | 1 | Homer | BAHAMAS | Passenger | 28258 | 2980 | Passengers | | 9045 | 182 |
| Spirit of Oceanus | 8802868 | 1 | Homer | BAHAMAS | Passenger | 4200 | 645 | Passengers | | 1284 | 90 |
| tasman sea | 9218064 | 1 | Kenai | HONG KONG | Bulk Carrier | 17433 | 28456 | Grain | 37732 | 8503 | 170 |
| TORM CARINA | 9263708 | 1 | Homer | DENMARK | Tanker | 30024 | 44990 | Oil | 52162 | | 183 |
| TRISTAR DUBAI | 8613281 | 1 | Homer | BAHAMAS | Tanker | 27997 | 50600 | Oil | 49941 | | 182 |
| TUSTUMENA | 6421086 | 122 | Homer/ Seldovia | UNITED STATES | Ferry | 2174 | | Passengers, Vehicles | 220 passengers; 46 vehicles | 257 | 81.8 |

Appendices B1 and B2:

These table are the results of a Commercial Fisheries Entry Commission (CFEC) vessel database query for 2005 Kenai Peninsula vessel license applications, categorized by vessel owner home address. Vessels participating in any portion of commercial fishing operations, with the exception of set net skiffs and vessels used in certain areas outside of the Cook Inlet, are required to register for a vessel license. However, these vessels may not necessarily participate in Kenai Peninsula or Cook Inlet fisheries. Nor do the tables reflect specific vessel traffic for the Cook Inlet, but rather give an overview of vessel owners registered on the Kenai Peninsula. Appendix B1 show what percentage of the 990 registered vessels are diesel or gasoline powered and the predominant hull construction material. In Appendix B2 the median length of the registered are greater than 32.0 feet in length. The average fuel tank capacity is 692.1 gallons.

| Link to Different Year or Menus | | Report Description | | | | | | | |
|---|----------------------|--------------------------------|--|--|--|--|--|--|--|
| Year: State or Census Area: KENAI 2005 PENINSULA | City: All Cities | | | | | | | | |
| Part 1: Number of Vessels and Percentages (1) (2) | | | | | | | | | |
| | Number of Vessels | Percentage of Total Vessels | | | | | | | |
| Total Number of Vessels | 990 | 100% | | | | | | | |
| Engines | | | | | | | | | |
| Diesel | 612 | 61.8 | | | | | | | |
| Gas | 362 | 36.6 | | | | | | | |
| Refrigeration | 113 | 11.4 | | | | | | | |
| Registered for a Salmon Net Area | 728 | 73.5 | | | | | | | |
| Company or Partnership Owned Vessels | 72 | 7.3 | | | | | | | |
| Hull Type | | | | | | | | | |
| Aluminum | 350 | 35.4 | | | | | | | |
| Concrete | 1 | 0.1 | | | | | | | |
| Fiberglass/Plastic | 542 | 54.7 | | | | | | | |
| Iron/Steel/Alloy | 37 | 3.7 | | | | | | | |
| Rubber | 11 | 0.0 | | | | | | | |
| Wood | 46 | 4.6 | | | | | | | |
| Type of Activity (3) | | | | | | | | | |
| Freezer/Canner | 2 | 0.2 | | | | | | | |
| Tender/Packer | 86 | 8.7 | | | | | | | |
| Guided Sport (Charter) | 0 | 0.0 | | | | | | | |
| Comercial Fishing | 972 | 98.2 | | | | | | | |
| Gear(s) Intended to be Used (3) | | | | | | | | | |
| Diving Gear | 5 | 0.5 | | | | | | | |
| Fish Wheel | 0 | 0.0 | | | | | | | |
| Gill Net - Drift | 521 | 52.6 | | | | | | | |
| Gill Net - Herring | 111 | 11.2 | | | | | | | |
| Gill Net - Set | 111 | 11.2 | | | | | | | |
| Longline | 465 | 47.0 | | | | | | | |
| Mechanical Jig | 97 | 9.8 | | | | | | | |
| Pot Gear | 155 | 15.7 | | | | | | | |
| Ring Net | 0 | 0.0 | | | | | | | |
| Scallop Dredge | 6 | 0.6 | | | | | | | |
| Seine - Purse Seine | 221 | 22.3 | | | | | | | |
| Seine - Beach Seine | 17 | 1.7 | | | | | | | |
| Trawl - Beam | 7 | 0.7 | | | | | | | |
| Trawl - Double Otter | 1 | 0.1 | | | | | | | |
| Trawl - Otter | 10 | 1.0 | | | | | | | |
| Trawl - Pair Trawl | 2 | 0.2 | | | | | | | |
| Troll - Dinglebar | 4 | 0.4 | | | | | | | |
| Troll - Hand | 42 | 4.2 | | | | | | | |
| Troll - Power | 7 | 0.7 | | | | | | | |
| Other Gear Types | 58 | 5.9 | | | | | | | |

| Year: 2005 State | or Census A | rea: KENA | I PENINSULA | | City: All Cities | | | | |
|------------------------------------|---|-----------|-------------|-----|------------------|--|--|--|--|
| Part 2: Averages (1) | | | | | | | | | |
| | Average (Mean) Median Skewness Represented (Per of Total) | | | | | | | | |
| Year Built | 1982 | 1982 | -1.3 | 983 | (99.3 % | | | | |
| Age (in the year 2005) | 23 yrs. | | | | | | | | |
| Number of Gear Types per Vessel | 1.9 | 2.0 | 2.1 | 956 | (96.6 % | | | | |
| Horsepower | 306.8 hp | 270.0 | 2.4 | 955 | (96.5 % | | | | |
| Fuel Tank Capacity | 692.1 gal. | 300.0 | 7.5 | 882 | (89.1 % | | | | |
| Hold Tank Capacity | 1,738.8 cu. ft. | 400.0 | 5.4 | 471 | (47.6 % | | | | |
| Live Tank Capacity | 1,424.3 cu. ft. | 1,000.0 | 2.5 | 101 | (10.2 % | | | | |
| Length | 32.9 ' | 32.0 | 1.7 | 990 | (100.0 % | | | | |
| Length by Hull Type | | | | | | | | | |
| Aluminum | 26.0 ' | 24.0 | 1.1 | 350 | (35.4 % | | | | |
| Concrete | 34.0 ' | 34.0 | | 1 | (0.1 % | | | | |
| Fiberglass/Plastic | 34.8 ' | 35.0 | 0.3 | 542 | (54.7 % | | | | |
| Iron/Steel/Alloy | 68.3 ' | 62.0 | 0.2 | 37 | (3.7 % | | | | |
| Rubber | 10.6 ' | 10.0 | -0.5 | 11 | (1.1 % | | | | |
| Wood | 39.4 ' | 32.0 | 1.0 | 46 | (4.6 % | | | | |

Notes:

- (1) This report is based on information provided on vessel license application forms. The information may contain omissions or errors. If information is omitted (unknown) the sum of the vessels in the category will be less than the total number of vessels. For example, the sum of the vessels by hull type will be less than the total number of vessels in the area if this information not been provided on all applications.
- (2) Vessels can be used for more than one activity and can use multiple gear types. As a result, in these categories a vessel may be counted multiple times. Some vessels may not be counted at all if the activity or gear information was not provided on the vessel license application.
- (3) The Number of Vessels Represented is the number of vessels used to calculate the average, median, and skewness. Since the vessel application may contain omissions, not all vessels can be used when developing this information. A low percentage of the total vessels indicate that the figure comes from a very small group and may not be representative of the area's fleet.

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Appendix C:

Fishery Timeline for Cook Inlet.

| | Cook Inlet | | | | | | | | | | |
|------|------------|-------|---------|--------------|---------------------|---|---|---|---|---|---|
| Jan. | Feb. | Mar. | Apr. | Мау | June | July | Aug. | Sept. | Oct. | Nov. | Dec. |
| | | | | Fish | ery Ope | n: 02/27 | 7 - 11/15 | | | | |
| | | | | Fi | shery O | pen: 05 | /15 - 09/ | 15 | | | |
| | | Fishe | ry Open | : 01/01 | - 09/01 | | | | | | |
| | | | | | | | | Fisher | y Open | : 09/01 - | 12/31 |
| | | | | Fi | shery O | pen: 05 | /01 - 09/ | 30 | | | |
| | | | | | | Fi | shery O | pen: 07/ | /01 - 12/ | 01 | |
| | | | | | Fisher | y O <mark>pen</mark> | 07/ <mark>15</mark> - | 08/15 | | | |
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Appendix D:

Captain of the Port, Western Alaska Navigation Advisory: Special Operating Guidelines for Vessels Anchoring in Kachemak Bay, Alaska. February 6, 2006.



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CAPTAIN OF THE PORT, WESTERN ALASKA NAVIGATION ADVISORY

Subj: SPECIAL OPERATING GUIDELINES FOR VESSELS ANCHORING IN KACHEMAK BAY, ALASKA

Working in consultation with the Southwest Alaska Pilot's Association (SWAPA) and representatives of the marine industry, the Coast Guard has developed special operating guidelines for vessels anchoring in Kachemak Bay. The waters of Cook Inlet and Kachemak Bay are environmentally sensitive and a precious economic and environmental resource. These guidelines were developed in response to past instances of vessels dragging anchor in Kachemak Bay. While the majority of companies and vessels have good procedures for responding to heavy weather, it is apparent by these past incidents that there are gaps that need to be filled to ensure all are taking the appropriate precautions. These guidelines shall be followed at all times by any vessel anchoring in Kachemak Bay. Failure to follow these guidelines may result in the issuance of a Captain of the Port Order under Title 33 United States Code (USC) 1221.

GENERAL REQUIREMENTS FOR ALL VESSELS:

1. <u>33 CFR Part 164.19 (a) & (b)</u>: Ensure that a proper anchor watch is maintained at all times. Utilize all means available in order to detect the dragging of the anchor.

While anchored in Kachemak Bay, a 24-hour bridge watch shall be maintained by an English-speaking deck watch officer.

- 2. <u>33 CFR Part 164.19 (c)</u>: Whenever the weather conditions are such that it is likely the anchor will drag, appropriate actions are taken in order to ensure the safety of the vessel, structures, and other vessels. Appropriate actions include: veering more chain, letting go a second anchor or getting underway using the vessel's own propulsion or tug assistance.
- 3. <u>33 CFR Part 160.215</u>: A vessel dragging anchor in port during severe weather always constitutes a hazardous condition. As such, the requirement to give a Notice of Hazardous Condition(s) applies. The agent, master, operator, or person in charge shall ensure that the Marine Safety Office Anchorage or Marine Safety Detachment Kenai is immediately notified of a hazardous condition as soon as practicable.

| Coast Guard Unit | Office Number | After Hours Number |
|--------------------------------|----------------|--------------------|
| Marine Safety Office Anchorage | (907) 271-6700 | (907) 229-8203 |
| Marine Safety Detachment Kenai | (907) 283-3292 | (907) 398-6267 |

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SPECIFIC ACTIONS FOR HEAVY WEATHER:

- 1. Gale Warnings (forecasted and/or actual winds in excess of 34 knots)
 - a. The propulsion plant shall be on standby and ready to provide immediate propulsion.
 - b. The vessel's position and under-keel clearance shall be confirmed at a minimum of once every 15 minutes by the licensed deck watch officer.
 - c. Ensure second anchor is made ready for letting go.
- 2. Storm Warnings (forecasted and/or actual winds in excess of 48 knots) All of above plus

The vessel master shall consult with the local Coast Guard, SWAPA and the vessel agent to discuss the following measures.

- a. Consider increasing the scope of anchor chain as appropriate.
- b. Determine the availability and locations of potential stand by tugs (with appropriate size and horsepower), which could assist the vessel in holding position.
- c. Assess the need to get a pilot on board.
- d. If the Master and Pilot deem it necessary, put to sea for the duration of the heavy weather.

ENFORCEMENT ACTIONS:

- 1. Any vessel found not maintaining an adequate anchor watch in accordance with 33 CFR 164.19(a) & (b) may be assessed civil penalties of up to \$27,500 assessed for each violation.
- 2. Any vessel failing to give notice of a hazardous condition, as defined by 33 CFR 160.215, may be assessed civil penalties of up to \$27,500 assessed for each violation.
- 3. Any U.S. Coast Guard licensed master of a U.S. flagged vessel who fails to abide by this navigation advisory may be subject to suspension and revocation hearings of their license under 46 USC 7701.
- 4. The Captain of the Port reserves the authority at all times to order a vessel to operate or anchor in a manner directed when there is reasonable cause to believe the vessel is not in compliance with any regulation, law, or treaty. Further, a Captain of the Port Order is justified in the interest of safety by reason of weather, visibility, sea conditions, port congestion, temporary hazardous circumstances, or the condition of the vessel. (33 CFR 160.111)

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I invite comment or proposed revision to these guidelines. As best practices evolve and lessons are learned, I anticipate and welcome changes to these guidelines.

Sincerely,

M. R. DEVRIES Captain, U.S. Coast Guard Captain of the Port Western Alaska

Copy: Southwest Alaska Pilot's Association Alaska Maritime Agencies

Appendix E:

Vessel Casualties in Cook Inlet Recorded by the US Coast Guard (May 1, 1990 through August 1, 2006).

NOTE: This list is likely not exhaustive, particularly for the earlier years. When the location of the incident is not recorded, the latitude and longitude is "zero" degrees.

| Activity Date | Vessel Name | Vessel Type | Initial Event Type | Vessel Property Damage | Latitude | Longitude |
|------------------|----------------------|----------------------------------|---------------------------|------------------------------|------------------|--------------------|
| 09/12/1991 | FLAMENCO | Not Specified | Grounding | Not Reported | N 61° 13' 30.00" | W 149° 53' 18.00" |
| 11/17/1991 | MONARCH | Offshore Supply Vessel | Grounding | Not Reported | N 60° 45' 00.00" | W 151° 23' 00.00" |
| 11/18/1991 | MONARCH | Offshore Supply Vessel | Grounding | \$150,000.00 | N 60° 44' 30.00" | W 151° 18' 24.00'' |
| 12/21/1991 | MALOLO | Towing Vessel | Flooding | \$0.00 | N 59° 22' 30.00" | W 152° 02' 30.00" |
| 02/03/1992 | SEA VENTURE I | Fishing Vessel | Sinking | \$150,000.00 | N 59° 24' 12.00" | W 151° 55' 24.00" |
| 02/16/1992 | LAFAYETTE | Offshore Supply Vessel | Collision | \$55,000.00 | N 60° 46' 48.00" | W 151° 31' 36.00" |
| 02/22/1992 | MORNING STAR | Fishing Vessel | Grounding | \$0.00 | N 59° 29' 48.00" | W 151° 40' 00.00" |
| 02/29/1992 | LAFAYETTE | Offshore Supply Vessel | Collision | \$10,000.00 | N 60° 44' 30.00" | W 151° 18' 24.00" |
| 03/06/1992 | 255 | Barge | Grounding | \$0.00 | N 60° 41' 12.00" | W 151° 23' 42.00" |
| 03/19/1992 | CAPRICORN | Fishing Vessel | Fire | \$295,000.00 | N 59° 33' 00.00" | W 151° 54' 00.00'' |
| 05/12/1992 | AK4709H | Recreational Vessel | Sinking | \$0.00 | N 59° 36' 06.00" | W 151° 25' 00.00'' |
| 05/16/1992 | SEA VIKING/Barge | Fishing Vessel/Barge | Collision | \$0.00 | N 60° 41' 18.00" | W 151° 23' 48.00" |
| 05/20/1992 | LAFAYETTE | Offshore Supply Vessel | Vessel Maneuverability | \$5,000.00 | N 60° 44' 30.00" | W 151° 18' 24.00" |
| 06/04/1992 | NO PROBLEM | Uninspected Commerical Vessel | Allision | \$0.00 | N 59° 25' 00.00" | W 151° 54' 30.00" |
| 07/13/1992 | donna b | Fishing Vessel | Sinking | \$89,200.00 | N 60° 31' 48.00" | W 151° 22' 18.00" |
| 07/29/1992 | NOVIC | Fishing Vessel | Vessel Maneuverability | \$0.00 | N 59° 10' 00.00" | W 151° 55' 00.00" |
| 07/30/1992 | PEGASUS | Fishing Vessel | Vessel Maneuverability | \$0.00 | N 59° 20' 00.00" | W 152° 10' 00.00" |
| 08/20/1992 | LITTLE ALEX | Fishing Vessel | Sinking | \$50,000.00 | N 59° 15' 00.00" | W 151° 55' 00.00" |
| 08/30/1992 | SPECULATOR | Not Specified | Sinking | Not Reported | N 61° 13' 30.00" | W 149° 54' 30.00" |
| 09/03/1992 | SONIC BOOM | Not Specified | Vessel Maneuverability | \$0.00 | N 59° 32' 00.00" | W 151° 40' 00.00" |
| 09/15/1992 | SEALAND KODIAK | General Dry Cargo Ship | Allision | Not Reported | N 61° 13' 00.00" | W 149° 53' 18.00" |
| 10/11/1992 | Family Affair | Fishing Vessel | Vessel Maneuverability | \$0.00 | N 59° 39' 00.00" | W 151° 26' 30.00" |
| 11/15/1992 | DAROL TIDE | Offshore Supply Vessel | Vessel Maneuverability | \$6,000.00 | N 61° 02' 36.00" | W 150° 58' 42.00" |
| 11/19/1992 | ATLANTIC SEAHORSE | Offshore Supply Vessel | Grounding | Not Reported | N 60° 42' 18.00" | W 151° 24' 12.00" |
| 12/07/1992 | TEAM HADA | Tank Ship | Vessel Maneuverability | Not Reported | N 61° 14' 54.00" | W 149° 55' 00.00" |
| 12/23/1992 | banda seahorse | Offshore Supply Vessel | Vessel Maneuverability | \$0.00 | N 60° 00' 36.00" | W 151° 00' 24.00" |
| 12/26/1992 | COAST RANGE | Tank Ship | Vessel Maneuverability | \$0.00 | N 61° 10' 36.00" | W 150° 18' 18.00" |
| 12/28/1992 | ZB19 | Barge | Allision | Not Reported | N 61° 02' 30.00" | W 151° 10' 00.00" |
| 12/28/1992 | ENGINE OIL COOLER | Not Specified | Vessel Maneuverability | \$0.00 | N 60° 44' 24.00" | W 151° 18' 24.00" |

| 02/12/1993 | CORNUCOPIA | Tank Ship | Vessel Maneuverability | \$0.00 | N 60° 32' 00.00" | W 151° 28' 00.00" |
|------------|--------------------------------|---------------------------|----------------------------------|--------------|-------------------|--------------------|
| 02/20/1993 | LAFAYETTE | Offshore Supply Vessel | Grounding | \$0.00 | N 60° 44' 36.00" | W 151° 19' 30.00" |
| 02/22/1993 | ATLANTIC SEAHORSE | Offshore Supply Vessel | Loss of Electrical Power | \$0.00 | N 60° 30' 00.00" | W 151° 30' 00.00" |
| 02/23/1993 | ATLANTIC SEAHORSE | Offshore Supply Vessel | Vessel Maneuverability | \$0.00 | N 60° 45' 00.00" | W 151° 24' 30.00" |
| 03/21/1993 | MUSTANG ISLAND | Not Specified | Vessel Maneuverability | \$0.00 | N 61° 04' 18.00" | W 150° 56' 30.00" |
| 04/03/1993 | OVERSEAS WASHINGTON | Tank Ship | Vessel Maneuverability | \$0.00 | N 59° 33' 54.00" | W 151° 28' 12.00" |
| 04/21/1993 | PACIFIC VENTURE/ SHADY LADY | Fishing Vessel | Collision | Not Reported | N 59° 09' 12.00" | W 154° 06' 06.00'' |
| 05/05/1993 | AK 0180 E | Recreational Vessel | Flooding | \$0.00 | N 59° 36' 00.00'' | W 151° 35' 00.00" |
| 05/09/1993 | LISA MARIE | Fishing Vessel | Fire | \$0.00 | N 59° 36' 00.00" | W 151° 25' 00.00" |
| 05/10/1993 | REDOUBT/BMC38 | Not Specified | Allision | Not Reported | N 61° 18' 00.00" | W 149° 45' 00.00'' |
| 05/18/1993 | BORN FREE | Passenger Vessel | Flooding | \$50.00 | N 59° 35' 00.00" | W 151° 40' 00.00'' |
| 05/20/1993 | VOLNA | Fishing Vessel | Grounding | Not Reported | N 59° 15' 00.00" | W 151° 56' 00.00'' |
| 05/29/1993 | SUN TIDE | Not Specified | Vessel Maneuverability | \$0.00 | N 59° 35' 30.00" | W 151° 26' 30.00" |
| 06/06/1993 | ATLANTIC SEAHORSE | Offshore Supply Vessel | Vessel Maneuverability | \$0.00 | N 60° 54' 00.00" | W 151° 10' 00.00" |
| 06/11/1993 | gladys m | Not Specified | Sinking | Not Reported | N 59° 31' 36.00" | W 153° 03' 00.00" |
| 06/23/1993 | ATLANTIC SEAHORSE | Offshore Supply Vessel | Collision | \$0.00 | N 60° 54' 18.00" | W 151° 10' 18.00" |
| 06/30/1993 | CHAR DAN | Fishing Vessel | Vessel Maneuverability | \$0.00 | N 59° 36' 00.00" | W 151° 25' 00.00" |
| 07/02/1993 | BLACK FISH | Fishing Vessel | Vessel Maneuverability | \$0.00 | N 59° 35' 30.00" | W 151° 26' 30.00" |
| 07/21/1993 | INUPIAT | Fishing Vessel | Collision | \$0.00 | N 60° 34' 06.00" | W 151° 23' 12.00" |
| 07/23/1993 | DUTCH TREAT | Fishing Vessel | Vessel Maneuverability | \$0.00 | N 59° 36' 06.00" | W 151° 25' 00.00" |
| 07/25/1993 | PHALAROPE | Fishing Vessel | Grounding | \$0.00 | N 59° 40' 00.00" | W 151° 54' 00.00" |
| 08/03/1993 | NUNIVAK | Fishing Vessel | Loss of proplusion/ Collision | Not Reported | N 59° 37' 00.00" | W 151° 27' 00.00" |
| 08/03/1993 | SALLY G | Fishing Vessel | Vessel Maneuverability | Not Reported | N 59° 40' 12.00" | W 151° 50' 00.00" |
| 08/06/1993 | CASCADE | Fishing Vessel | Grounding | \$0.00 | N 60° 30' 12.00" | W 151° 20' 06.00" |
| 08/07/1993 | BARCONI | Fishing Vessel | Fire | Not Reported | N 59° 17' 36.00" | W 152° 02' 36.00" |
| 08/07/1993 | PRESTON BROOKS | Fishing Vessel | Sinking | \$0.00 | N 58° 51' 12.00" | W 152° 01' 18.00" |
| 08/23/1993 | sea flight i | Fishing Vessel | Abandonment | \$0.00 | N 59° 25' 48.00" | W 152° 06' 24.00'' |
| 09/03/1993 | FREE TRADER | Towing Vessel | Sinking | \$90,000.00 | N 59° 31' 36.00" | W 151° 52' 30.00'' |
| 09/18/1993 | DENA'INA | Fishing Vessel | Flooding | \$0.00 | N 59° 46' 00.00'' | W 152° 04' 00.00'' |
| 10/12/1993 | DIMITROS | Not Specified | Sinking | \$0.00 | N 60° 40' 06.00'' | W 151° 23' 12.00'' |
| 11/04/1993 | JOLLY ROGER | Not Specified | Vessel Maneuverability | \$0.00 | N 60° 40' 24.00" | W 151° 23' 18.00" |
| 11/16/1993 | banda seahorse | Offshore Supply Vessel | Vessel Maneuverability | Not Reported | N 60° 45' 00.00" | W 151° 18' 00.00" |
| 02/17/1994 | overseas wahsington | Tank Ship | Vessel Maneuverability | \$0.00 | N 60° 06' 00.00" | W 151° 04' 00.00" |
| 03/12/1994 | banda seahorse | Offshore Supply Vessel | Fire | Not Reported | N 60° 47' 00.00" | W 151° 50' 00.00" |
| 03/25/1994 | WESTERN AVENIR | Not Specified | Vessel Maneuverability | Not Reported | N 60° 40' 18.00" | W 151° 23' 42.00" |
| 05/14/1994 | DAWNING STAR | Not Specified | Allision | Not Reported | N 59° 37' 00.00" | W 151° 27' 00.00" |

| 05/21/1994 | STELLAR WIND | Towing Vessel | Allision | Not Reported | N 59° 36' 18.00" | W 151° 24' 48.00'' |
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| 05/27/1994 | STORMBIRD | Not Specified | Grounding | \$0.00 | N 59° 36' 06.00" | W 151° 25' 00.00" |
| 06/05/1994 | NO PROBLEM | Passenger Vessel (uninspected) | Vessel Maneuverability | \$0.00 | N 59° 40' 00.00" | W 152° 00' 00.00" |
| 06/05/1994 | ROBIN | Fishing Vessel | Vessel Maneuverability | Not Reported | N 59° 16' 24.00" | W 151° 59' 18.00" |
| 06/12/1994 | KILL SHOT | Fishing Vessel | Grounding | Not Reported | N 59° 26' 18.00" | W 151° 49' 36.00'' |
| 07/02/1994 | DEVA | Not Specified | Flooding | Not Reported | N 60° 04' 00.00" | W 152° 08' 00.00" |
| 07/07/1994 | YA SHUR | Fishing Vessel | Collision | Not Reported | N 59° 33' 00.00" | W 151° 56' 00.00" |
| 07/08/1994 | LUCKY PIERRE II | Fishing Vessel | Vessel Maneuverability | Not Reported | N 59° 35' 36.00'' | W 151° 23' 54.00" |
| 07/12/1994 | JOLLY ROGER | Fishing Vessel | Vessel Maneuverability | Not Reported | N 59° 31' 00.00" | W 151° 28' 00.00" |
| 08/17/1994 | WARDS COVE PACKING CO. SCOW | Fishing Vessel | Sinking | \$0.00 | N 60° 30' 42.00" | W 151° 37' 30.00" |
| 10/04/1994 | SEALAND KODIAK | General Dry Cargo Ship | Vessel Maneuverability | Not Reported | N 61° 13' 00.00" | W 149° 53' 00.00" |
| 11/27/1994 | MONARCH | Offshore Supply Vessel | Grounding | \$100,000.00 | N 60° 50' 00.00'' | W 151° 19' 00.00" |
| 12/03/1994 | BALTIMORE TRADER | Tank Ship | Vessel Maneuverability | Not Reported | N 59° 30' 00.00'' | W 151° 50' 00.00" |
| 12/08/1994 | CHAMPION | Not Specified | Allision | \$0.00 | N 60° 57' 24.00" | W 151° 19' 30.00" |
| 12/08/1994 | POTOMAC TRADER | Tank Ship | Material Failure | \$0.00 | N 60° 41' 00.00" | W 152° 23' 24.00" |
| 12/29/1994 | VAMANOS | Recreational Vessel | Sinking | \$0.00 | N 59° 36' 00.00" | W 151° 23' 00.00" |
| 02/04/1995 | KATMAI | Fishing Vessel | Allision | \$0.00 | N 59° 36' 00.00" | W 151° 25' 00.00" |
| 03/11/1995 | POTOMAC TRADER | Tank Ship | Allision | \$0.00 | N 60° 41' 00.00" | W 151° 23' 30.00" |
| 03/19/1995 | KELLY MARIE | Fishing Vessel | Grounding | \$0.00 | N 58° 55' 12.00" | W 152° 13' 30.00" |
| 03/23/1995 | BALTIMORE TRADER | Tank Ship | Vessel Maneuverability | \$0.00 | N 60° 41' 00.00" | W 151° 23' 30.00" |
| 03/24/1995 | BALTIMORE TRADER | Tank Ship | Vessel Maneuverability | \$0.00 | N 60° 41' 00.00" | W 151° 23' 30.00" |
| 07/07/1995 | ENTERPRISE II | Not Specified | Flooding | \$0.00 | | |
| 08/08/1995 | LAWRENCE H. GIANELLA | Tank Ship | Allision | Not Reported | N 61° 13' 00.00" | W 149° 53' 18.00" |
| 09/12/1995 | SEA HAWK | Not Specified | Grounding | Not Reported | N 61° 11' 30.00" | W 150° 09' 00.00'' |
| 09/26/1995 | FRANCES E | Not Specified | Sinking | \$0.00 | N 59° 26' 00.00" | W 151° 42' 00.00'' |
| 11/14/1995 | YAHTSE | Fishing Vessel | Flooding | \$0.00 | 00° 00' 00.00'' | 000° 00' 00.00'' |
| 12/15/1995 | MONARCH | Offshore Supply Vessel | Vessel Maneuverability | \$2,000.00 | N 60° 52' 00.00" | W 151° 36' 00.00" |
| 12/27/1995 | CRYSTAL RIVER | Tank Ship | Vessel Maneuverability | Not Reported | N 61° 00' 54.00'' | W 150° 57' 36.00" |
| 03/09/1996 | GREAT LAND / STELLAR WIND | General Dry Cargo Ship/Towing Vessel | Material Failure | Not Reported | N 61° 13' 06.00" | W 149° 53' 36.00" |
| 06/27/1996 | Not Named | Fishing Vessel | Flooding | \$0.00 | N 59° 36' 00.00" | W 151° 25' 00.00" |
| 07/28/1996 | SIERRA MADRE | Tank Ship | Vessel Maneuverability | Not Reported | N 61° 13' 06.00" | W 149° 53' 18.00" |
| 12/17/1996 | ALTAIR | Not Specified | flooding | \$0.00 | N 59° 28' 00.00" | W 151° 29' 00.00" |
| 01/01/1997 | BARGE 103 | Barge | Allision, Ice Damage | Not Reported | N 61° 14' 12.00" | W 149° 53' 30.00" |
| 01/25/1997 | OREGON | Barge | Sinking/Capsize | \$1,000,000 | N 60° 06' 00.00" | W 151° 52' 00.00" |
| 02/25/1997 | Not Named | Unknown | Vessel Maneuverability | \$0.00 | N 60° 39' 30.00" | W 150° 23' 00.00" |

| 02/27/1997 | DESTROYER | Not Specified | Loss of Electrical Power | Not Reported | N 59° 41' 00.00" | W 149° 43' 00.00" |
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| 03/01/1997 | NOVIC | Fishing Vessel | Flooding | \$0.00 | N 59° 18' 48.00" | W 152° 00' 00.00'' |
| 05/06/1997 | ALASKA | Fishing Vessel | Grounding | Not Reported | N 58° 53' 24.00" | W 152° 26' 00.00" |
| 08/08/1997 | BLUE OX | Fishing Vessel | Vessel Maneuverability | \$0.00 | N 59° 12' 30.00" | W 150° 57' 48.00" |
| 09/07/1997 | n. lights | Not Specified | Vessel Maneuverability | Not Reported | N 61° 30' 30.00" | W 150° 20' 30.00" |
| 09/08/1997 | MARINE COMMANDER/ SHELL C | Offshore Supply Vessel | Allision | \$250,000.00 | N 60° 46' 00.00" | W 151° 30' 06.00" |
| 09/27/1997 | Not Named | Not Specified | Sinking | \$0.00 | N 59° 02' 00.00" | W 151° 43' 00.00'' |
| 01/01/1998 | Chesapeake Trader | Tankship | Allision with Dock | \$432,000.00 | N 60° 33' 12.00" | W 152° 08' 00.00" |
| 01/03/1998 | CHAMPION | Offshore Supply Vessel | Allision | \$0.00 | N 60° 57' 24.00" | W 151° 19' 30.00" |
| 05/15/1998 | hanjin istanbul | General Dry Cargo Ship | Collision | \$20,000.00 | N 59° 37' 24.00" | W 151° 24' 18.00" |
| 06/02/1998 | CHEECHAKO | Fishing Vessel | Abandonment | \$60,000.00 | N 59° 58' 30.00" | W 152° 07' 00.00" |
| 09/12/1998 | GREATLAND | General Dry Cargo Ship | Vessel Maneuverability | Not Reported | N 61° 20' 00.00" | W 150° 30' 00.00" |
| 09/23/1998 | ABBY M | Towing Vessel | Fire/Loss of Electrical Power | \$75,000.00 | N 59° 20' 00.00" | W 152° 01' 54.00" |
| 12/15/1998 | CURRENT | Fishing Vessel | Capsize | \$0.00 | N 59° 38' 00.00" | W 151° 20' 00.00" |
| 01/31/1999 | OCEAN LAUREL | General Dry Cargo Ship | Allision | \$60,000.00 | N 60° 40' 30.00'' | W 151° 23' 00.00" |
| 02/25/1999 | hanjin istanbul | General Dry Cargo Ship | Vessel Maneuverability | \$0.00 | N 60° 38' 00.00'' | W 151° 23' 48.00" |
| 03/07/1999 | ZHENFEN 19 | Not Specified | Vessel Maneuverability | \$0.00 | N 60° 32' 00.00'' | W 151° 34' 30.00" |
| 06/08/1999 | SPIT RAT | Passenger Vessel (uninspected) | Vessel Maneuverability | \$0.00 | N 59° 33' 00.00'' | W 151° 50' 00.00" |
| 06/09/1999 | MACHINATOR | Fishing Vessel | Fire | \$0.00 | N 60° 25' 00.00" | W 151° 30' 00.00" |
| 07/01/1999 | FOXFIRE | Passenger Vessel (uninspected) | Vessel Maneuverability | \$0.00 | N 59° 35' 00.00" | W 151° 23' 00.00" |
| 07/01/1999 | HALIBUT ENDEAVOR | Passenger Vessel (uninspected) | Vessel Maneuverability | \$0.00 | N 59° 07' 42.00" | W 152° 08' 48.00" |
| 07/07/1999 | IRENES | Passenger Vessel (uninspected) | Abandonment | \$265,000.00 | N 59° 13' 00.00" | W 152° 10' 00.00" |
| 07/08/1999 | IKATTOK | Passenger Vessel (uninspected) | Flooding | \$0.00 | N 62° 20' 00.00" | W 150° 08' 00.00" |
|)7/16/1999 | CHAMPION | Offshore Supply Vessel | Allision | \$5,000.00 | N 60° 48' 12.00'' | W 151° 37' 30.00" |
| 07/16/1999 | BRISK | Passenger Vessel (uninspected) | Collision | \$0.00 | N 59° 35' 30.00'' | W 151° 26' 12.00" |
| 09/05/1999 | SEA STAR | Recreational Vessel | Fire | \$40,000.00 | N 59° 26' 00.00" | W 151° 53' 00.00" |
| 09/26/1999 | SEALAND ANCHORAGE | General Dry Cargo Ship | Grounding | Not Reported | N 61° 14' 18.00" | W 149° 53' 06.00'' |
| 09/28/1999 | SEALAND TACOMA | General Dry Cargo Ship | Grounding | Not Reported | N 61° 14' 18.00" | W 149° 53' 06.00" |
| 10/30/1999 | T-MIKE | Fishing Vessel | Fire | \$700,000.00 | N 59° 29' 00.00" | W 150° 09' 00.00" |
| 1/30/1999 | TUSTEMENA | Passenger Vessel | Allision | \$20,000.00 | N 59° 36' 00.00" | W 151° 24' 48.00" |
| 12/01/1999 | HOMEBAR I | Barge | Flooding | \$150,000.00 | N 59° 10' 06.00" | W 151° 50' 18.00" |
| 01/14/2000 | TORM PACIFIC | General Dry Cargo Ship | Vessel Maneuverability | \$0.00 | N 60° 14' 00.00" | W 151° 37' 00.00" |
| 01/19/2000 | ENERGIZER | Tank Barge | Breakaway/Allision | Not Reported | N 60° 44' 12.00" | W 151° 23' 06.00" |

| 01/20/2000 | TORM PACIFIC | General Dry Cargo Ship | Allision | \$250,000.00 | N 60° 44' 12.00" | W 151° 23' 06.00" |
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| 01/25/2000 | VIGOR | Fishing Vessel | Grounding | \$2,000.00 | N 59° 36' 12.00" | W 151° 25' 24.00" |
| 03/30/2000 | HANJIN BRISBANE | General Dry Cargo Ship | Allision | \$30,000.00 | N 60° 39' 18.00" | W 151° 23' 00.00" |
| 04/26/2000 | STELLAR WIND | Towing Vessel | Allision | Not Reported | N 61° 14' 18.00" | W 149° 53' 06.00" |
| 05/14/2000 | FLYING BEAR III | Passenger Vessel (uninspected) | Flooding | \$0.00 | N 59° 53' 54.00" | W 152° 04' 48.00" |
| 05/23/2000 | SILVER FOX 4 | Passenger Vessel (uninspected) | Vessel Maneuverability | \$0.00 | N 59° 45' 00.00'' | W 151° 58' 00.00" |
| 06/16/2000 | HALIBUT ENDEAVOR | Passenger Vessel (uninspected) | Vessel Maneuverability | \$0.00 | N 59° 24' 30.00'' | W 152° 12' 00.00'' |
| 07/02/2000 | PORIFERA | Fishing Vessel | Grounding | \$75,000.00 | N 61° 33' 06.00" | W 151° 19' 30.00" |
| 07/03/2000 | TALKEETNA | Not Specified | Collision | Not Reported | N 62° 19' 18.00" | W 150° 07' 06.00'' |
| 07/03/2000 | NAUTI LADY | Passenger Vessel (uninspected) | Vessel Maneuverability | \$0.00 | N 59° 30' 00.00'' | W 151° 35' 00.00'' |
| 07/07/2000 | AK8545M | Not Specified | Collision | Not Reported | N 61° 42' 00.00" | W 150° 19' 00.00" |
| 07/17/2000 | SHADY LADY | Fishing Vessel | Grounding | \$0.00 | N 60° 23' 00.00" | W 151° 20' 00.00" |
| 07/30/2000 | POTOMAC TRADER | Tank Ship | Allision | \$0.00 | N 60° 23' 12.00'' | W 152° 08' 00.00'' |
| 08/06/2000 | GUARDIAN | Towing Vessel | Vessel Maneuverability | Not Reported | N 61° 03' 00.00" | W 150° 57' 42.00'' |
| 09/29/2000 | GUARDIAN | Towing Vessel | Vessel Maneuverability | Not Reported | N 61° 16' 18.00" | W 149° 53' 00.00'' |
| 11/15/2000 | CISPRI RESPONDER | Barge | Collision | \$10,000.00 | N 60° 45' 30.00'' | W 151° 22' 30.00" |
| 11/29/2000 | FOX RIVER | Landing Craft | Fire | \$400,000.00 | N 58° 48' 00.00" | W 152° 25' 00.00" |
| 12/12/2000 | SEABULK MONTANA | Offshore Supply Vessel | Allision | \$0.00 | N 59° 25' 36.00'' | W 151° 43' 48.00'' |
| 12/16/2000 | CAPE LOOKOUT SHOALS | Tank Vessel | Loss of Electrical Power | \$0.00 | N 59° 35' 12.00" | W 151° 31' 30.00" |
| 01/20/2001 | LADY L | Fishing Vessel | Flooding | \$300,000.00 | N 59° 04' 24.00" | W 150° 59' 00.00" |
| 01/30/2001 | SEABULK MONTANA | Offshore Supply Vessel | Vessel Maneuverability | \$20,872.00 | N 60° 41' 00.00'' | W 151° 25' 00.00'' |
| 02/04/2001 | PETROBULK CHALLENGER | Tank Ship | Loss of Electrical Power | \$0.00 | N 59° 35' 00.00" | W 151° 40' 00.00'' |
| 02/06/2001 | WESTWARD VENTURE | General Dry Cargo Ship | Fire/Loss of Electrical Power | Not Reported | N 61° 11' 30.00" | W 150° 12' 00.00'' |
| 03/23/2001 | CAPE HUDSON | General Dry Cargo Ship | Vessel Maneuverability | Not Reported | N 61° 11' 00.00" | W 150° 15' 00.00'' |
| 06/28/2001 | RAIN DANCER | Fishing Vessel | Fire | \$120,000.00 | N 59° 59' 36.00" | W 152° 25' 30.00" |
| 06/29/2001 | MISS MINMAR | Fishing Vessel | Vessel Maneuverability | \$25,000.00 | N 59° 24' 00.00'' | W 152° 04' 00.00'' |
| 07/05/2001 | HOURI | Fishing Vessel | Fire/Sinking | \$75,000.00 | N 60° 06' 42.00" | W 151° 58' 30.00" |
| 07/17/2001 | Reel Deel | Fishing Vessel | Fire | Not Reported | 00° 00' 00.00'' | 000° 00' 00.00'' |
| 07/26/2001 | CHILKAT WARRIOR | Barge | Allision | \$12,000.00 | N 60° 41' 00.00" | W 151° 24' 00.00" |
| 08/02/2001 | SPIT RAT | Passenger Vessel (uninspected) | Vessel Maneuverability | \$0.00 | N 59° 04' 12.00" | W 151° 51' 12.00" |
| 10/11/2001 | PIONEER SERVICE | Towing Vessel | Grounding | Not Reported | N 60° 38' 00.00" | W 151° 44' 54.00'' |
| 11/21/2001 | ENGINEER | Not Specified | Abandonment | \$0.00 | N 60° 07' 18.00" | W 151° 40' 06.00'' |
| 12/30/2001 | SEABULK PRIDE | Tank Ship | Material Failure | Not Reported | N 61° 14' 18.00" | W 149° 53' 18.00'' |
| 01/04/2002 | Harris Sand and Gravel | Towing Vessel | Collision | \$0.00 | N 58° 36' 20.00'' | W 151° 25' 30.00" |
| 01/24/2002 | LYDIA C | Fishing Vessel | Fire | Not Reported | 00° 00' 00.00'' | 000° 00' 00.00'' |
| 03/16/2002 | HIGHTIDE | Not Specified | Vessel Maneuverability | \$0.00 | N 60° 54' 06.00" | W 151° 12' 00.00" |

| 05/11/2002 | BIRD SONG | Not Specified | Vessel Maneuverability | \$1,600.00 | 00° 00' 00.00'' | 000° 00' 00.00'' |
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| 05/19/2002 | GREAT LAND | General Dry Cargo Ship | Fire | Not Reported | N 61° 14' 18.00" | W 149° 53' 06.00" |
| 05/19/2002 | FishBuster | Fishing Vessel | Material Failure | \$40.00 | 00° 00' 00.00'' | 000° 00' 00.00'' |
| 06/30/2002 | Marcy J. | Not Specified | Vessel Maneuverability | Not Reported | 00° 00' 00.00'' | 000° 00' 00.00'' |
| 07/19/2002 | Numerous vessels in Kasilof | Fishing Vessel | Set Adrift | \$9,000.00 | N 60° 00' 00.00" | W 154° 41' 00.00'' |
| 07/27/2002 | Comanche | Fishing Vessel | Flooding | \$0.00 | N 60° 31' 14.00" | W 151° 17' 43.00'' |
| 07/30/2002 | Russian River Ferry | Passenger Vessel | Collision | \$0.00 | N 60° 29' 00.00" | W 150° 00' 00.00" |
| 08/02/2002 | Aurora & Alpine Cove | Fishing Vessel | Collision | \$0.00 | N 59° 30' 00.00" | W 151° 45' 00.00'' |
| 08/03/2002 | Barren Islands | Fishing Vessel | Flooding | \$0.00 | N 59° 36' 00.00" | W 152° 06' 00.00" |
| 08/09/2002 | Dream Catcher | Fishing Vessel | Flooding | \$0.00 | 00° 00' 00.00'' | 000° 00' 00.00'' |
| 10/08/2002 | SHELLFISHER | Fishing Vessel | Flooding | \$0.00 | N 59° 31' 19.00" | W 151° 28' 55.00" |
| 11/23/2002 | Salmon Express | Fishing Vessel | Set Adrift | \$145,000.00 | N 59° 21' 00.00" | W 151° 49' 06.00" |
| 11/24/2002 | Seabulk Montana | Offshore Supply Vessel | Material Failure | \$0.00 | N 60° 46' 00.00" | W 151° 21' 00.00" |
| 12/01/2002 | KONRAD I | Fishing Vessel | Fire | \$0.00 | N 59° 36' 12.00" | W 151° 25' 18.00" |
| 12/13/2002 | Hanjin Calcutta | General Dry Cargo Ship | Vessel Maneuverability | \$0.00 | N 60° 40' 00.00" | W 151° 20' 00.00" |
| 12/21/2002 | Anmaj | Tank Ship | Material Failure | \$0.00 | N 60° 50' 00.00" | W 151° 20' 00.00" |
| 01/10/2003 | HAVKONG | Tank Ship | Material Failure | \$0.00 | N 60° 40' 05.00" | W 151° 23' 27.00" |
| 05/09/2003 | MIDNIGHT SUN | General Dry Cargo Ship | Loss of Electrical Power | Not Reported | N 61° 14' 16.00" | W 149° 53' 42.00'' |
| 05/12/2003 | KRS 250-1 | Barge | Allision | Not Reported | N 61° 13' 05.00" | W 149° 53' 03.00" |
| 05/19/2003 | Keta | Fishing Vessel | Explosion | \$0.00 | N 59° 27' 00.00" | W 151° 24' 00.00" |
| 05/30/2003 | SOCKEYE | Passenger Vessel (uninspected) | Fire | \$0.00 | N 59° 36' 15.00" | W 151° 25' 27.00" |
| 06/07/2003 | AK5514F | Recreational Vessel | Flooding | \$0.00 | N 59° 18' 00.00" | W 152° 00' 00.00" |
| 06/25/2003 | AMERICAN EAGLE | Not Specified | Grounding | \$0.00 | N 59° 21' 33.00" | W 151° 54' 27.00'' |
| 07/22/2003 | Spit Rat | Passenger Vessel (uninspected) | Material Failure | \$0.00 | N 59° 36' 00.00" | W 151° 25' 00.00" |
| 07/23/2003 | LYKES EAGLE | General Dry Cargo Ship | Allison | Not Reported | N 61° 14' 30.00" | W 149° 52' 15.00" |
| 09/18/2003 | Pioneer Service / Barge 141 Collision | Towing Vessel/Barge | Collision | \$150,000.00 | N 60° 45' 45.00" | W 151° 18' 18.00" |
| 09/19/2003 | Patriot & Lummi Island | Barge | Material Failure | Not Reported | N 61° 13' 59.00" | W 149° 53' 33.00'' |
| 02/02/2004 | PIONEER SERVICE | Towing Vessel | Grounding | \$0.00 | N 60° 47' 02.00" | W 151° 31' 47.00" |
| 04/08/2004 | GLACIER WIND | Towing Vessel | Grounding | Not Reported | N 61° 15' 10.00" | W 149° 53' 05.00" |
| 04/13/2004 | SEABULK MONTANA | Offshore Supply Vessel | Material Failure | \$0.00 | N 59° 37' 57.00" | W 151° 31' 58.00" |
| 04/20/2004 | CENTURY HOPE | Not Specified | Allision | \$1,000.00 | N 59° 37' 57.00" | W 151° 31' 58.00" |
| 04/24/2004 | BLARNEY | Towing Vessel | Material Failure | \$0.00 | N 59° 43' 06.00" | W 151° 52' 00.00" |
| 06/28/2004 | THE RIGHT ONE/ ROULETTE | Not Specified | Material Failure | \$0.00 | N 59° 52' 10.00" | W 152° 13' 00.00" |
| 09/07/2004 | MIDNIGHT SUN | General Dry Cargo Ship | Vessel Maneuverability | Not Reported | N 60° 23' 14.00" | W 151° 18' 10.00" |
| 09/25/2004 | Barge 141 | Barge | Material Failure | \$238,000.00 | N 60° 45' 36.00" | W 151° 18' 36.00" |
| 11/03/2004 | SEA DUCER | Recreational Vessel | Sinking | Not Reported | N 61° 14' 16.00" | W 149° 53' 42.00" |
| 1/31/2005 | RED BARON | Fishing Vessel | Vessel Maneuverability | Not Reported | N 59° 14' 30.00" | W 152° 18' 00.00'' |

| 2/21/2005 | KITTIWAKE II | Fishing Vessel | Fire | Not Reported | N 59° 36' 12.00" | W 151° 25' 18.00" |
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| 5/21/2005 | HARD EIGHT | Passenger Vessel (uninspected) | Vessel Maneuverability | Not Reported | N 60° 03' 29.00" | W 151° 39' 47.00" |
| 7/13/2005 | BLUE FOX | Passenger Vessel (uninspected) | Material Failure | Not Reported | N 58° 53' 46.00" | W 152° 51' 45.00" |
| 7/19/2005 | AK8626K | Fishing Vessel | Capsize | Not Reported | N 59° 20' 11.00" | W 151° 47' 15.00" |
| 8/6/2005 | TODAY | Fishing Vessel | Explosion | Not Reported | N 60° 23' 14.00" | W 151° 18' 10.00" |
| 8/22/2005 | FOXFIRE | Passenger Vessel (uninspected) | Vessel Maneuverability | Not Reported | N 59° 37' 57.00" | W 151° 31' 58.00" |
| 9/6/2005 | TUSTUMENA | Passenger Ship | Vessel Maneuverability | Not Reported | N 59° 26' 12.00" | W 151° 43' 04.00" |
| 10/18/2005 | PEONY | Bulk Carrier | Allision | Not Reported | N 60° 47' 02.00'' | W 151° 31' 47.00" |
| 12/27/2005 | HORIZON TACOMA | General Dry Cargo Ship | Material Failure | Not Reported | N 61° 14' 30.00" | W 149° 53' 18.00" |
| 1/21/2006 | 344 | Barge | Collision | Not Reported | N 60° 57' 36.00" | W 151° 04' 05.00" |
| 1/21/2006 | PARAGON | Towing Vessel | Collision | Not Reported | N 60° 57' 36.00" | W 151° 04' 05.00" |
| 2/2/2006 | SEABULK PRIDE | Tank Ship | Breakaway/ Grounding | Not Reported | N 60° 41' 00.00" | W 151° 23' 29.00" |
| 3/22/2006 | PACIFIC CHALLENGER | Towing Vessel | Collision | Not Reported | N 59° 36' 56.00" | W 151° 24' 07.00" |
| 3/22/2006 | SCT 282 | Barge | Collision | Not Reported | N 59° 36' 56.00" | W 151° 24' 07.00" |
| 6/6/2006 | NO NAME | Passenger Vessel (uninspected) | Flooding | Not Reported | N 60° 03' 00.00" | W 151° 46' 00.00" |
| 6/12/2006 | SILVER FOX I | Passenger Vessel (uninspected) | Flooding | Not Reported | N 59° 37' 57.00" | W 151° 31' 58.00" |
| 7/18/2006 | BEAR FORCE II | Recreational | Material Failure | Not Reported | N 59° 37' 57.00" | W 151° 31' 58.00" |
| 7/20/2006 | BOB WHITE | Fishing Vessel | Grounding | Not Reported | N 60° 32' 52.00'' | W 151° 15' 52.00" |
| 7/24/2006 | BEAVER | Passenger Vessel (uninspected) | Material Failure | Not Reported | N 59° 37' 57.00" | W 151° 31' 58.00" |