

M.V. TAGISH

Update: February 1, 2023

- Thursday, December 29th 2022
 MV Tagish sunk at the CBJ owned National Guard Docks
- Early January 2023

Discussions commence between vessel owner, CBJ, ADEC, and USCG:

- Proximity of wreckage close to Juneau Douglas Force main, which carries 500k 1m gallons of untreated wastewater per day. No damage reported by USCG contractor.
- USCG exercised federal authority to lead vessel recovery efforts
- The Utility advocates for a contingency and repair plan and seeks funding commitment prior to any substantial recovery efforts
- Mid January 2023
 - USCG selects John Melino as contractor to commence salvage operations as early as January 20th
 - Melino provides a rudimentary salvage plan and sub-contracts to Hamilton Construction for the heavy lift capacity necessary

Present

- Following a regulatory review, the Utility was advised that CBJ will be responsible for any damage or malfunction of its force main which may lead to discharges to the Channel.
- Lacking "critical components and contingencies necessary to minimize the probability of upset to the force main", CBJ requests salvage to be postponed.
- CBJ Utility procures Global Diving and Salvage to provide an underwater ROV videographic survey (done 31-Jan) of the CBJ HDPE force main sewer pipeline between entry to the bay at the Outer Loop Pump Station and the AML facility (see below).

