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City Scuttles Derelict Vessel *Wild Alaskan* off Gulf of Alaska

JULY 9, 2021 – KODIAK –After dealing with the vessel *Wild Alaskan* since it was determined to be a ‘port risk’ and was impounded in December 2017, the City announced today that the Tug *Makushin Bay*, owned by Resolve Marine successfully towed and disposed of her at sea, approximately 75 miles Southeast of Kodiak Island.

The journey got underway at approximately 6:00 a.m. on Thursday morning and the Tug Captain reported the mission was completed without incident at 9:00 p.m. Thursday night. The tug assisted the operation by towing the gutted vessel and once they arrived at the approved disposal site, sea chest valves were opened in the hull to allow her to sink.

With the derelict vessel passing into the City of Kodiak’s responsibility, permission was sought and received to scuttle the vessel at sea. Harbormaster Michael Sarnowski worked with the Coast Guard and the US Environmental Protection Agency through the process while Harbor staff worked to remove all hazardous materials and debris prior to the scuttling.

“This has been a long time coming and we appreciate the coordination and cooperation between all Federal and State agencies involved during the approval process for scuttling the *Wild Alaskan*,” said Harbormaster Michael Sarnowski. “Removing derelict vessels is a lot of work that requires a great deal of human and financial resources. We are pleased that the vessel was removed safely and responsibly from the community of Kodiak.”

“I am very proud of the successful mission. Special thanks to Harbormaster Sarnowski, Deputy Harbormaster Monte Anderson and Harbor staff for their accomplishment with the preparation and determination they put into this saga of the *Wild Alaskan*,” added City Manager Mike Tvenge.

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