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PRESS RELEASE

“Suspicious substances” wash up on Dyea Flats

Sunken boat, suspicious substances, and medical supplies under Skagway Police Department Investigation

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Skagway, AK – A recreational boat from Juneau carrying suspicious substances and hypodermic needles capsized in Dyea on Sunday, July, 28. The needles and other flotsam from the boat began washing up on the Dyea Flats hours after the incident and continued to appear on the beach as of Tuesday.

Skagway Fire Department personnel have been diligently scouring the beach to pick up dangerous materials and will continue to do so until the danger is mitigated. Skagway Police are working with the Coast Guard to remove the boat and ensure that oil and fuel pollution from the vessel is cleaned from the area.

An investigation into possible criminal activity is currently underway. More details will be revealed as the case progresses. If you find any potentially dangerous materials on Skagway or Dyea shores, please contact The Skagway Fire Department at (907) 983-2450. For information or tips regarding any criminal activity, or if you witnessed anything suspicious relative to this incident, please contact the Skagway Police Department at (907) 983-2232.