



Aviation Investigation Final Report

Location: PORT ALSWORTH, Alaska Accident Number: ANC86LA147

Date & Time: September 7, 1986, 16:00 Local Registration: N100KL

Aircraft: de Havilland DHC-2 Aircraft Damage: Substantial

Defining Event: 4 None

Flight Conducted Under: Part 91: General aviation - Personal

Analysis

THE PILOT WAS UNABLE TO AVOID A LARGE FLOATING LOG IN HIS WATER LANE PATH DURING TAKEOFF. HE STRUCK THE LOG, LOST CONTROL OF THE AIRPLANE AND CRASHED.

Probable Cause and Findings

The National Transportation Safety Board determines the probable cause(s) of this accident to be:

Findings

Occurrence #1: ON GROUND/WATER COLLISION WITH OBJECT

Phase of Operation: TAKEOFF - ROLL/RUN

Findings

- 1. (F) WEATHER CONDITION RAIN
- 2. (F) PREFLIGHT PLANNING/PREPARATION INADEQUATE PILOT IN COMMAND
- 3. (F) INATTENTIVE PILOT IN COMMAND
- 4. (F) OBJECT TREE(S)
- 5. (C) VISUAL LOOKOUT NOT MAINTAINED PILOT IN COMMAND
- 6. (C) ABORTED TAKEOFF NOT PERFORMED PILOT IN COMMAND
- 7. (C) DIRECTIONAL CONTROL INADEQUATE PILOT IN COMMAND

Factual Information

Pilot Information

Certificate:	Commercial	Age:	40,Male
Airplane Rating(s):	Single-engine land; Single-engine sea	Seat Occupied:	Left
Other Aircraft Rating(s):	None	Restraint Used:	
Instrument Rating(s):	Airplane	Second Pilot Present:	No
Instructor Rating(s):	None	Toxicology Performed:	No
Medical Certification:	Class 2 Valid Medicalno waivers/lim.	Last FAA Medical Exam:	May 20, 1986
Occupational Pilot:	UNK	Last Flight Review or Equivalent:	
Flight Time:	4000 hours (Total, all aircraft), 4000 Command, all aircraft)	hours (Total, this make and model), 1	350 hours (Pilot In

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Aircraft and Owner/Operator Information

Aircraft Make:	de Havilland	Registration:	N100KL
Model/Series:	DHC-2 DHC-2	Aircraft Category:	Airplane
Year of Manufacture:		Amateur Built:	
Airworthiness Certificate:	Normal	Serial Number:	758
Landing Gear Type:	Float	Seats:	8
Date/Type of Last Inspection:	April 15, 1986 Annual	Certified Max Gross Wt.:	5100 lbs
Time Since Last Inspection:		Engines:	1 Reciprocating
Airframe Total Time:	6700 Hrs	Engine Manufacturer:	P&W
ELT:	Installed, activated, aided in locating accident	Engine Model/Series:	985
Registered Owner:	SAINT CLOUD AVIATION OF AK	Rated Power:	450 Horsepower
Operator:	ILIAMNA LAKE RESORT	Operating Certificate(s) Held:	None
Operator Does Business As:		Operator Designator Code:	

Meteorological Information and Flight Plan

Conditions at Accident Site:	Visual (VMC)	Condition of Light:	Day
Observation Facility, Elevation:		Distance from Accident Site:	
Observation Time:		Direction from Accident Site:	
Lowest Cloud Condition:	Scattered	Visibility	5 miles
Lowest Ceiling:	Overcast / 1500 ft AGL	Visibility (RVR):	
Wind Speed/Gusts:	/	Turbulence Type Forecast/Actual:	/
Wind Direction:	0°	Turbulence Severity Forecast/Actual:	/
Altimeter Setting:		Temperature/Dew Point:	10°C
Precipitation and Obscuration:	Heavy - None - Rain		
Departure Point:	MULCHATNA RIVER, AK	Type of Flight Plan Filed:	None
Destination:	ILIAMNA , AK	Type of Clearance:	None
Departure Time:	16:00 Local	Type of Airspace:	Class G

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Airport Information

Airport:		Runway Surface Type:	
Airport Elevation:		Runway Surface Condition:	
Runway Used:	0	IFR Approach:	
Runway Length/Width:		VFR Approach/Landing:	

Wreckage and Impact Information

Crew Injuries:	1 None	Aircraft Damage:	Substantial
Passenger Injuries:	3 None	Aircraft Fire:	None
Ground Injuries:	N/A	Aircraft Explosion:	None
Total Injuries:	4 None	Latitude, Longitude:	60.19997,-154.280899(est)

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Administrative Information

Investigator In Charge (IIC):	Stella, Marc
Additional Participating Persons:	
Original Publish Date:	
Last Revision Date:	
Investigation Class:	<u>Class</u>
Note:	
Investigation Docket:	https://data.ntsb.gov/Docket?ProjectID=4733

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