



RECORD OF CONVERSATION

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Date: 10/2/2019
Person Contacted: Michael Spisak (pilot)
NTSB Accident Number: GAA19CA562

Narrative:

The following is a synopsis of the information provided by the pilot in a telephone conversation on this date:

- The pilot reported that he was departing from a lagoon to go back to his hunting site. The lagoon was to the west of runway 36.
- He added that he was the only person on board.
- The belly fuel tanks, at the time of departure, had about 95 gallons.
- The pilot attempted to depart to the north, with a 5-mph wind from the northwest.
- During takeoff, once on step, the left float got light, but the right float was being drug back down. The float plane decelerated briefly then accelerated again; however, the airspeed was below takeoff speed.
- Due to the short length of the lagoon, he aborted the takeoff and to avoid rock banks, the pilot steered the float plane onto a 3 ft muddy embankment to slow down.
- The float plane slid on the muddy embankment and came to a stop on gravel, short of a taxiway.
- The float plane sustained substantial damage to the fuselage, its float attachment points. The aluminum surrounding the attachment points were crushed.
- The pilot reported that there were no mechanical failures or malfunctions that would have precluded normal operation.