



U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service
Incident Command Center
Selendang AYU Oil Spill
Environmental Unit

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Orange Drift Block Sightings

On January 4, 2005, the U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service released 162 orange drift blocks into the water near the Selendang Ayu wreck site. The drift block release is part of an experiment to simulate the drift of oiled bird carcasses. The blocks are orange, approximately 9x4x4 inches in size and have a silver tag on them. During the drift experiment, there is the potential that oil spill response personnel or members of the community may find an orange drift block on the beach or observe them floating in the water.

If you observe an orange drift block in the water, please do not attempt to collect it. The purpose of the experiment is to allow the block to drift to a beach where it potentially could be collected.

If you find an orange drift block on a beach, note the time and location of the find, collect the block, and return it to the U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service at the Incident Command Center located in the Grand Aleutian Hotel.

RETURN ALL BEACHED ORANGE DRIFT BLOCKS TO:

U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service
Incident Command Center
(907) 581-7156