



Alaska Department of Environmental Conservation
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Removal of ADEC Threatened Water Body Designation
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ADEC has removed the December 27, 2004 Threatened Water Body status designation for state-waters in the *M/V Selendang Ayu* spill impact zone between Cape Kovrizhka (53 degrees, 50.67 minutes N lat.; 167 degrees, 09 minutes W long.) and Spray Cape (53 degrees, 36.83 minutes N lat.; 167 degrees, 09.33 minutes W long.) - Unalaska, Island - including Makushin and Skan Bay. The Threatened Water Body designation required ADEC to impose stricter inspection requirements on fishing vessels, tender vessels, buying stations, and processing facilities.

Lightering operations from the *M/V Selendang Ayu* have been successfully completed removing the additional threat of another spill from the vessel. No sheen has been observed from the wreck during multiple overflights in September at the close of cleanup operations. Fluids removed from the vessel included 145,774 gallons of fuel and water and removal of additional oils from the fuel lines, deck cranes, and engine room.

The Unified Command's cleanup operations have made significant progress removing oil from the 123 designated areas of Unalaska Island shoreline that required cleaning. Of those 123 areas, only 26 were not signed off by the Unified Command as being cleaned to a pre-established end-point. These 26 areas received some level of cleanup and the remaining contamination does not pose an imminent or substantial threat to the marine environment. All response vessels have been demobilized and cleanup operations concluded on September 13, 2005 for this year. Threat of additional contamination from these sources no longer poses a substantial threat.

Regardless of the designation status of state-waters, the State of Alaska continues to maintain its "Zero Tolerance Policy" with respect to oil contamination of seafood and will conduct inspections as necessary to enforce that policy. Enforcement of this policy will result in the protection of Alaska's commercial fisheries. Additionally, ADEC continues to coordinate closely with processors, fishermen, and the Alaska Department of Fish and Game.