

ALASKA DEPARTMENT OF ENVIRONMENTAL CONSERVATION
Division of Spill Prevention and Response
Prevention and Emergency Response Program

SITUATION REPORT

INCIDENT NAME: M/V Selendang Ayu

SITREP #: 24

SPILL NUMBER: 04259934301

LEDGER CODE: 14142160

TIME/DATE OF INCIDENT: The M/V Selendang-Ayu grounded around 6:00 PM, December 8, on Unalaska Island between Skan Bay and Spray Cape.

TIME/DATE OF SITUATION REPORT: 1:00 PM December 24, 2004.

TIME/DATE OF THE NEXT REPORT: 1:00 PM December 25, 2004.

TYPE/AMOUNT OF PRODUCT SPILLED: IFO 380 and/or diesel fuel. As of 12/13, the revised estimates of original amounts of fuel on board the vessel are 424,000 gallons of IFO 380 (Intermediate Fuel Oil) and 18,000 gallons of diesel. A fuel tank holding an estimated 40,131 gallons of fuel ruptured when the vessel broke apart. Other tanks are believed to be leaking. Actual amount of spilled fuel is unknown.

LOCATION: The vessel's position is at 53° 38' 04" N, 167° 07' 30" W on Unalaska Island between Skan Bay and Spray Cape. This site is approximately 25 miles in a direct line or 50 sea miles from Dutch Harbor.

CAUSE OF SPILL: The Coast Guard reported at 7:14 PM, December 8, 2004 that the vessel had broken in half.

POTENTIAL RESPONSIBLE PARTY (PRP): Ayu Navigation Snd, Bhd, Port Klang, Malaysia. The operator is IMC Shipping.

RESPONSE ACTION: The response vessels Redeemer, Joshua, Labrador, and Exito are on-scene and are expected to initiate oil recovery, shoreline cleanup and wildlife recovery operations, weather permitting. Two vessels (the Cape Flattery and the Polar Bear) are at Dutch Harbor loading additional equipment, and will be departing for the scene later today. Vessel and helicopter task forces have been assigned for the next operational period which extends until December 26th. Several overflights were conducted yesterday. Weather permitting, additional overflights are scheduled today to assess shoreline, wildlife impacts and vessel status.

The communications equipment from the US Forest Service (USFS) arrived yesterday and technicians will attempt to set up the repeater stations and test the system if weather permits. This system will provide both land and air communications for response vessels and aircraft.

The SERVS on-water recovery system, "the Current Buster," is expected to arrive in Dutch Harbor tomorrow and be operational by Tuesday. Three vessels are being mobilized to support the open water skimming system.

The Alaska Regional Response Team has approved the application for the use of dispersants. Dispersant application systems are being dispatched from Cook Inlet Spill Prevention and Response Inc. (CISPRI), and drums of dispersants are enroute from Texas.

Vessel Status: The bow section of the vessel has sunk with just the forepeak of the vessel above water. The stern section of the vessel (which was previously listing to one side) has now leveled off, attributable to further hull damage and further settling of the vessel.

Spill Trajectory: Overflights are scheduled today to determine whether the oil has traveled beyond the immediate spill area. The overflight crew will search the area from north Unalaska Island to Bogoslof Island and determine if any oil has appeared on the surface, especially at convergence zones.

Wildlife: Bird capture and recovery continues to be an objective. Several additional bird carcasses were recovered yesterday. Four of the twenty birds treated at the International Bird Rescue and Research Center in Anchorage were

released yesterday at Whittier. The vessel Norseman is expected to be underway on Sunday to assist with wildlife capture and carcass recovery. The US Fish and Wildlife Service (USFWS) Research Vessel Tiglax is underway to Dutch Harbor to perform NRDA pre-assessment work.

Commercial Fishery: A fisheries management work group continues to evaluate upcoming commercial fishery openings based on scientific information regarding the presence and distribution of oil. A sampling vessel will be heading out to the Makushin Fishing District today. Crab pots and viscous oil snare will be placed in Makushin and Skan Bays to determine if any oil contamination exists on the bottom or in the water column. The captured crabs will be analyzed to determine if there is any intake of oil in their systems.

Staffing: Six ADEC staff and one ADEC term contractor are currently in Dutch Harbor, and additional State spill prevention and response members in Anchorage, Fairbanks and Juneau are actively engaged in supporting the response. Numerous members of other state agencies are also involved with this effort including ADNR, ADFG, and the State Attorney General's Office. Several DEC term contractors have also been activated to support the response effort.

SOURCE CONTROL: None at this time. Lightering of fuel from the stern section is scheduled to begin approximately the first of the year.

RESOURCES AFFECTED: Resources at risk in the area include marine mammals, sea birds, shellfish and anadromous streams. ADF&G and USFWS are assessing the areas impacted. The protection of cultural resources continues to be a high priority for the Unified Command.

FUTURE PLANS AND RECOMMENDATIONS: Safety of response personnel remains the highest priority for the Unified Command. Protection of sensitive areas continues to be a major priority as well. Shoreline cleanup and on-water recovery operations are planned, weather permitting. Wildlife surveys, capture, collection and rehabilitation are also continuing as weather permits. Public meetings with community and tribal entities continue to be held on a daily basis at City Hall.

WEATHER: SE wind 20 knots increasing to 30 knots in the afternoon; seas 5 feet, increasing to 6 feet tonight. Saturday: Chance of light rain or snow in the afternoon. S winds 30 knots, seas 7 feet.

UNIFIED COMMAND AND PERSONNEL

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Photographs, press releases and other spill information are available at: <http://www.state.ak.us/dec/selendang>

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